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Conflict devastating for children, says PM Modi

On reaching the Ukrainian capital, Modi was greeted by Ukraine Prez Zelenskyy.

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KYIV: A warm hug, a silent prayer with folded hands and a small toy. That was how Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday honoured the memories of children who have lost their lives in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. Soon after reaching the Ukrainian capital here from Poland, Modi was greeted by Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the multimedia Martyrologist Exposition on children at the National Museum of History of Ukraine here.

After a handshake, Modi gave a warm hug to Zelenskyy and as the two leaders walked towards the multimedia Exposition, slid a hand on his shoulder symbolising support for the leader of the war-torn nation. After watching the multimedia presentations - that gave information about scores of children who



PM Modi and the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy honour the memory of children.

HIGHLIGHT

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died during the conflict - as part of the Exposition, Modi and Zelenskyy both stood silently in front of a

India ready to play active role

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

wall-like structure which already had a lot of toys placed in memory of the children. With folded hands, Modi offered

a silent prayer before placing a small toy (a doll) at the memorial as the Ukrainian President placed a teddy bear.

“President @ZelenskyyUa and I paid homage at the Martyrologist Exposition in Kyiv. Conflict is particularly devastating for young children. My heart goes out to the families of

children who lost their lives, and I pray that they find the strength to endure their grief,” Modi posted on X after the visit. Zelenskyy posted a video showing Modi hugging him on his Telegram channel. “Prime Minister was deeply touched by the poignant exposition set up in memory of children who have lost their lives in the conflict. He expressed his sorrow at the tragic loss of young lives and as a mark of respect placed a toy in their memory,” said a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs later. In May 2024, UNICEF said that nearly 2,000 children have been killed since the beginning of the Ukraine-Russia war. The visit to the Exposition comes weeks after Modi had, in July, told Russian President Vladimir Putin that the killing of innocent children “is heart-wrenching and very painful.”

NIA searches overground workers of CPI (Maoist)

NEW DELHI: The NIA conducted searches in houses of alleged overground workers and sympathisers of the banned CPI (Maoist) in Jharkhand, officials said Friday. The searches were conducted in connection with the recovery of allegedly incriminating letters addressed to top leaders of the CPI (Maoist) in July 2022 in the Anandpur area of Jharkhand’s Chaibasa district, they

said. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) had registered the case against nine accused in August 2023, a statement from the NIA said. “The searches today were conducted at three locations in Chaibasa, Jharkhand. The houses of the suspects, located in Pusalata, Buru Rengra, and Lipunga, all of West Singhbhum district in Jharkhand,” an NIA spokesperson said.

Indian dress code

NEW DELHI: Junking the traditional black robe and cap as a colonial legacy, the Union health ministry has asked all its institutes to design an appropriate Indian dress code for convocation ceremonies based on the traditions of the state where they are located. Currently, the black robe and cap is being used during convocation by various institutes of the ministry, the communication said.

Rapist gets 20 years in jail

KOTA: A POCSO court in Bundi on Friday convicted a man for raping a minor although he married her when she attained adulthood. The couple now has a one-year-old child. The court also slapped a fine of Rs 80,000 and ordered the convict to pay Rs 4 lakh for the survivor’s livelihood for the time he stays in jail and completes his term. POCSO Court I of Bundi city convicted Shetan Meena, a resident of Mal Ki Jhopndiyari in Lakheri police station, to 20 years jail.

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People hit streets to protest

Hundreds of people on Friday took out a protest march against the alleged embezzlement of more than Rs 4 crore in Himachal Pradesh Cooperative Bank branch in Sirmour district’s Nohradhar village, located 95 km from here.

The protesters, including bank customers, and political and community leaders, raised slogans against the bank management and demanded immediate release of their hard-earned money.

KOLKATA

Polygraph test nod on ex-principal



The Calcutta High Court on Friday ordered the transfer of the probe into the alleged financial irregularities at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital during the tenure of its former principal Sandip Ghosh from a state-constituted Special Investigation Team (SIT) to the CBI. The central agency also got permission from another city court to conduct a polygraph test on Ghosh.

NEW DELHI

AI fined Rs 90 lakh by DGCA

Aviation watchdog DGCA has imposed a penalty of Rs 90 lakh on Tata Group-owned Air India and has also suspended the airline’s director of training for six months in connection with a flight that was operated with non-qualified pilots. Besides, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has slapped fines of Rs 6 lakh and Rs 3 lakh on Air India’s Director of Operations Pankul Mathur and Director of Training Manish Vasavada for the lapse.



Lifestyle

Clearing the Air: The positive impact of quitting smoking

Smoking doesn’t just harm your lungs; it’s a silent enemy to your heart. Every cigarette you light up sends harmful chemicals like nicotine and carbon monoxide coursing through your bloodstream.

‘SC-ST Act applicable only if there is intention to humiliate’

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YouTube Skaria challenged the denial of bail to him by the Kerala HC in a criminal case lodged against him by MLA P V Sreenijin.

NEW DELHI: An offence under the SC-ST Act is not established merely on the fact that the complainant is a member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe community unless there is an intention to humiliate, the Supreme Court said on Friday. A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra made the observation while granting anticipatory bail to YouTuber Shajian Skaria, who runs the “Marunadan Malayali” channel on the video-streaming platform. Skaria had challenged the



Supreme Court of India in New Delhi.

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● SC said there is nothing to even “prima facie” indicate that Skaria, by releasing the video on YouTube, promoted or attempted to promote feelings of enmity.

denial of anticipatory bail to him by the Kerala High Court in a criminal case lodged against him by MLA P V Sreenijin.

Sreenijin had got the FIR lodged for offences under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against Skaria, alleging that he had

intentionally humiliated the lawmaker by making false allegations through a video uploaded on “Marunadan Malayali”.

The court said the mere fact that the person subjected to insult or intimidation belongs to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe would not attract the offence under section 3(1)(r) of the Act unless it was the intention of the accused to subject the person concerned to caste-based humiliation. “Thus, the dictum as laid aforesaid is that the offence under section 3(1)(r) of the Act, 1989 is not established merely on the fact that the complainant is a member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe unless there is an intention to humiliate such a member for the reason that he belongs to such a community.

Make night patrolling mandatory in railways: Expert comm report

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According to reports, the ministry is also looking at various Artificial Intelligence-based solutions to enhance track security round the clock.

NEW DELHI: Railways has enhanced the patrolling of tracks after the Ahmedabad-bound Sabarmati Express derailed between Kanpur and Bhimsen Junction in the Jhansi Rail Division on August 17 after hitting a rail chunk allegedly placed on the track by some miscreants.

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Officials from the Railway Board said that



HIGHLIGHT

● Track maintainers is to ensure the sound health of the track for the purpose of safe train operations.

● RB is also issuing instructions time to time to the zones and divisions to carry out round-the-clock patrolling of the tracks.

both the RPF as well as track maintainers conduct patrolling during day and night at regular intervals throughout the year and after the Sabarmati Express

derailment, they are on a more vigilant mode.

“The Railway Board is also issuing instructions time to time to the zones and divisions to carry out round-the-clock patrolling of the tracks throughout the year,” a railway official said.

However, ground reports based on the feedback of track maintainers and divisional railway officials suggest that night patrolling is not done throughout the year because of the provisions of the Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual as well as a lack of adequate strength of track maintainers.

Talking about the Sabarmati Express derailment, a railway official from the North Central Zone said that night patrolling was not done before this incident, however, it has now been started.

2 Maoists carrying Rs 16 lakh surrender

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SUKMA: Two Naxalites, allegedly involved in attacks on security personnel, carrying a cumulative bounty of Rs 16 lakh, surrendered in Sukma district on Friday, police said. The Naxalites turned themselves in before senior officials of the police and Central Reserve

Police Force (CRPF), citing disappointment with atrocities committed by senior Maoists and “inhuman” and “hollow” Maoist ideology, an official said. They said they were also impressed by the state government’s Naxal elimination policy and Sukma police’s rehabilitation drive “Puna Narkom”, he said.

REPORT

India invested nearly USD 13 billion in space sector

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NEW DELHI: India has invested nearly USD 13 billion in the space sector over the past decade which has contributed USD 60 billion to the GDP through direct, indirect and induced benefits, a report by global consulting firm Novaspac said on Friday. The report ‘The Socio-Economic Impact

of the Indian Space Programme’, released by Union Minister of State for Space Jitendra Singh, also said that India was the eighth-largest space nation in the world in terms of funding and has seen faster growth of start-ups in the sector. “The Indian space sector has contributed 60 billion dollars to the GDP in the last decade through direct, in-direct



and induced effects. In addition, it has generated 4.7 million jobs. The sector directly employs 96,000 persons through the public and the private sector,” Steve Boehinger, affil-

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ate executive adviser at Novaspac, a Paris-based consulting firm, said. ISRO had tasked Novaspac

with preparing a report on the socio-economic impact of its space missions.

Boehinger said the estimated revenues of India’s space sector have increased from USD 3.8 billion in 2014 to USD 6.3 billion in 2023. “Every dollar generated by the space economy in India translates into USD 2.54 of indirect and induced benefit,” Boehinger said.

Raipur



Govt schemes should be implemented at the ground level.

Lakhania Dewangan
State Minister of Commerce & Industry and Labour.

NSUI party workers gherao Collectorate



To protest against illegal arrest and jail of MLA Devendra, NSUI party workers gheraoed Collectorate and tried to climb-over the main gate even after police deployment.

Govt cracks down on plantation irregularities

As a consequence, a sum of 9.90 lakh recovered from responsible officials.

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RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh state government has taken stringent action following the discovery of irregularities in the tree plantation activities conducted by the Forest Department. The lapses, which involved non-compliance with prescribed standards and negligence by departmental officials, resulted in financial losses to the government. As a consequence, a sum of Rs 9.90 lakh has been recovered from the responsible officials in the Korba and

Rajnandgaon Forest Divisions.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has issued clear instructions to ensure that saplings are planted with adherence to prescribed quality standards and proper supervision. He emphasized that the tree plantation program must be successful across the state. The state government has reiterated its commitment to a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, and this recent action underscores its determination to maintain transparency and

HIGHLIGHT

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accountability. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief of Forest Force have recovered the amount from the officers accountable for the losses due to unsuccessful plantation projects, based on evaluations conducted for previous years in 2023-24. According to information

from the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, the Forest Range Officer of Korba Forest Division and the concerned officers in Rajnandgaon Forest Division were found negligent in their plantation duties. A total of Rs 9.90 lakh has been recovered from those identified as responsible for the irregularities. Specifically, Rs 2.41 lakh was recovered from the then Range Officer Yomanlal Dhruv of Paraskhet in Korba Forest Division due to irregularities in the Solva (B) Orange Area Room No. 1351 plantation.

Husband kills Molester in Dharsiwa



RAIPUR: In a shocking incident in the Dharsiwa police station area, a man was beaten to death with a rod after allegedly molesting a woman. The attack, carried out by the woman's husband and wife, has led to their arrest, and the case has sparked widespread attention in the area.

The incident occurred in the Dhaneli Paper Mill area. According to the police, the accused husband, Manik Ram Maravi, and his wife, Asha Bai Maravi, fatally attacked Laxman, the young man accused of molesting Asha Bai. In a fit of rage, Manik Ram struck Laxman repeatedly with a rod, resulting in his death on the spot.

The police responded quickly, arresting both Manik Ram and Asha Bai. Preliminary investigations reveal that the incident stemmed from a dispute over the alleged molestation of Asha Bai. Dharsiwa police have launched a full investigation into the case, and further legal proceedings are underway. The tragic incident has left the community in shock, with questions surrounding the extreme retaliation and its consequences.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

SURPRISE INSPECTION

CJ Ramesh Sinha conducts inspection of Bilaspur Dist and Sessions Court

RAIPUR: In an unexpected move, Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court, Ramesh Sinha, conducted a surprise inspection of the District and Sessions Court in Bilaspur on Thursday evening. Following the conclusion of his court hearings, Chief Justice Sinha visited both the old and new buildings of the District Court to assess the conditions firsthand.

During his inspection of the old building, Chief Justice Sinha expressed his displeasure at the state of disrepair. Issues such as cracks in walls, water seepage, and puddles forming in the corridors due to leakage from the roof were among the many problems noted. Additionally, disorganized vehicle parking arrangements and an untidy garden further compounded the situation. The Chief Justice also inspected the new court building, only to find it in an equally unsatisfactory condition.

FIR CANCELLATION

EOW-ACB recommends FIR cancellation for IPS Rajnesh and Retired DG Mukesh



RAIPUR: IPS officer Rajnesh Singh and retired Director General Mukesh Gupta have received significant relief as the Economic Offenses Wing and Anti-Corruption Bureau (EOW-ACB) recommended the cancellation of an FIR filed against them. The FIR, which was registered under serious charges such as illegal phone tapping and forgery during the Congress rule in 2019, is now being reviewed for closure. The EOW-ACB submitted a report to the court, stating that no concrete evidence of wrongdoing had been found, urging the court to quash the FIR.

Successfully performed Transplant on an 11-year-old boy

Ramkrishna Care Hospital performs Chhattisgarh's first Pediatric Cadaver Liver Transplant



RAIPUR: In a landmark medical achievement, Ramkrishna Care Hospital in Raipur has successfully performed Chhattisgarh's first pediatric cadaver liver transplant. The procedure was carried out on an 11-year-old boy from Mandla, who had been battling liver cirrhosis for six years. The young patient had been suffering from severe jaundice, abdominal fluid buildup, and progressive weakness, leading to a critical need for a liver transplant. Despite extensive efforts to find a suitable donor within the family, none were available, forcing the child and his family to seek treatment across various cities without success.

After arriving at Ramkrishna Care Hospital, where he was under treatment for the past two months, the child's

name was registered on the waiting list of the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTO) Chhattisgarh for a cadaveric liver transplant. The liver, which was from an older patient, was successfully transplanted into the child in a complex and delicate procedure. The transplant was performed under the expert guidance of Dr. Sandeep Dave, the Medical and Managing Director of Ramkrishna Care Hospital. The medical team involved in the surgery included Dr. Mohd. Abdun Naeem, Dr. Ajit Mishra, Dr. Yuktansh Pandey, Dr. Rajkumar, Dr. Dheeraj Premchandani, and several other specialists from the Medical Gastroenterology, Critical Care, Emergency and Trauma, Pediatrics, and Anesthesia departments.

Action against 3 pharmacy colleges, recommended

RAIPUR: The Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee in Chhattisgarh has recommended the state government to take action against three pharmacy colleges namely- Pharmacy colleges Rishikesh Institute of Pharmacy, Sejbahar (Raipur); Nupur College of Pharmacy, Raipur and Shri Balaji Institute of Pharmacy and Research Center, Raipur. These colleges have not fixed the fees, the committee officials said and added that they have written to the Secretary and Director of the health department for taking appropriate action in this regard. During the inspection, the committee officials found that these three D. Pharmacy colleges, it was found that they started the college without providing complete facilities. There was neither library nor laboratory in these colleges. No academic and non-academic staff was present either during the inspection.

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Effort to prioritize government health-care services

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh Health Department has issued a stringent ban on government doctors practicing in private hospitals during their working hours. This move is part of an effort to prioritize government healthcare services and eliminate the disruption caused by private practice. Special Secretary of Health, Chandan Kumar, has issued the order, mandating strict compliance across the state. According to the newly implemented policy, government doctors found engaging in private practice during their designated



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that government doctors are still permitted to engage in private practice, but only after their working hours in public healthcare institutions. They are prohibited from performing surgeries or attending patients at private clinics or nursing homes during their government duty hours.

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Health Dept bans private practice by Govt Doctors

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| QUIZ COMPETITION |

Union Bank hosts U-Genius Quiz Competition in Raipur

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RAIPUR: The U-Genius Quiz Competition, organized by the Raipur Regional Office of Union Bank of India, one of the country's leading banks, took place on August 23 at the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Auditorium. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of around 700 students from 85 schools across Raipur, Durg, Bilhalai, and other regions. The program was graced by the presence



of Mr. Anuj Kumar Singh, Regional Head, along with Deputy Regional Head Mr. Saurabh Chaphekar and Mr. Prem Sagar Singh. The competition, which ran from 8 AM to 3 PM, fea-

tured 320 teams in the initial phase, with each team comprising two members. After a rigorous first round, six teams advanced to the second and final phase of the competition.

Congratulated the winners and extended his best wishes to the participants.

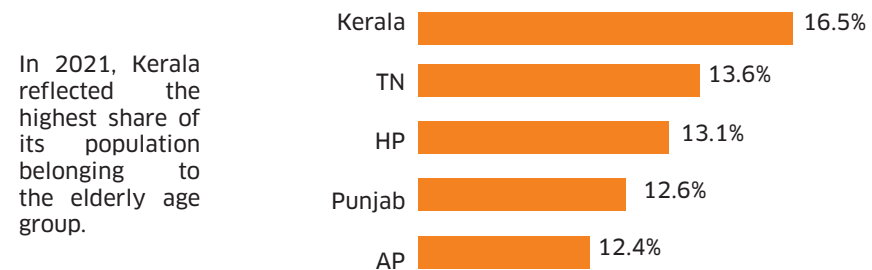
Anuj Kumar Singh,
Regional Head,
Union Bank of India.

The final stage consisted of six challenging rounds, where the team from DPS

Bhilai emerged victorious, scoring an impressive 450 points. Radiant Way School secured the second position. Mr. Anuj Kumar Singh, the Regional Head, congratulated the winners and extended his best wishes for their participation in the final round. The U-Genius competition is part of a national-level initiative by Union Bank of India, where one team from each state is selected to compete in the final round, which will be held in Mumbai.

The Day's NUMBERS

ELDERLY POPULATION AS A PROPORTION OF STATE POPULATION IN INDIA WITH AN ESTIMATE FOR 2021



Source : Statista

FILM RELEASE

Chhattisgarhi Film 'Aakhri Faisla' to release on Sep 13 with star-studded Cast

RAIPUR: For the first time in Chhattisgarh, a multi-starrer Chhattisgarhi film, Aakhri Faisla, is set to hit theaters on September 13, 2024. Produced under the banner of Bhai Bhai Film Production, the film features a star-studded cast, including popular actor Ravi Sahu in the lead role. The film's heroines are Diksha Jaiswal, a final-year BA student, and Sonali Sahare, a second-year BA student. The ensemble cast also includes Amit Chakraborty, Tarun Devangan, Ganpati Devangan, Pooja Tandekar, and Simran Devangan. The film is presented by Shradha Cinema Production and includes notable Bollywood actors like Deepak Sirk, famous for his role as Pralaynath Genda Swami, and Abdul Gaffar Khan, who portrayed Kumbhakaran in the Ramayana TV series. The movie has been shot across various locations in Raipur, Bilaspur, Korba, and Naya Raipur, with specific scenes captured at Happy Street, Smriti Van, Bilasa Tal, and other iconic spots in Bilaspur. A poster release event for Aakhri Faisla is scheduled to take place in Raipur on September 1, 2024, where the entire cast and other dignitaries will be present.

COURTESY VISIT

Leader of Opposition and Korba MP pay courtesy visit to Chh'garh Governor



RAIPUR: Leader of Opposition in the Chhattisgarh Assembly, Dr. Charandas Mahant, along with Korba MP Jyotsna Mahant, made a courtesy call on the newly appointed Governor of Chhattisgarh, Ramen Deka, at Raj Bhavan. During the meeting, Dr. Mahant emphasized his long-standing relationship with Governor Deka, noting that they had both served as Members of Parliament together in the 2009 Lok Sabha. Dr. Mahant expressed optimism about Governor Deka's appointment, suggesting that his presence would help advance development efforts across the state. He also mentioned that the opposition now hopes for fair treatment under Governor Deka's leadership, ensuring the right to equality for all.

Raipur News

'Cong leader Pilot slams arrest of MLA Yadav'

Cong leader Sachin Pilot met MLA Devendra Yadav in Central Jail.

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● Instead of taking action against the anti-social elements involved in that incident, our two-time MLA Devendra Yadav was arrested as part of a political conspiracy.

RAIPUR: Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Friday slammed the BJP government in Chhattisgarh for arresting his party MLA Devendra Yadav in connection with the June 10 arson in Balodabazar city and dubbed it as politically motivated.

The BJP was targeting political opponents both at the Centre and the state using central agencies and police, the former Rajasthan deputy chief minister and the Congress' in charge for Chhattisgarh told reporters outside Raipur Central Jail after meeting Yadav.

"An unfortunate incident happened in Balodabazar which was the result of the state government's failure. Neither the Centre nor the state government is able to ensure protection to Satnamis, Dalits and Adivasis. Instead of taking action against the anti-social elements involved in that incident, our two-time MLA Devendra Yadav was arrested as part of a political conspiracy," he said.

Pilot also claimed there were reports of alleged involvement of those linked to the ruling party in the arson. Yadav

was summoned by police and he was cooperating in the interrogation but the state government has presented a bad example by arresting him with an intention of vendetta without any evidence against him, he alleged.

"The Congress and our leaders Rahul Gandhi ji and Mallikarjun Kharge ji have struggled for Dalits, Adivasis and backwards and Yadav had also gone to Balodabazar to extend support to people there who were facing problems. His arrest is clearly political vendetta. If they will do such things against their political opponents then people will not tolerate it," he said.

The law and order situation in the state has collapsed but the BJP government, instead of checking crimes, is targeting political opponents who are raising their voices for citizens, Pilot claimed.



Cong leader Sachin Pilot visited Central Jail to meet MLA Devendra Yadav.

'Congress workers to stage protests across the state today'

"I met Yadav on Friday in jail and he is ready to fight for tribals, Satnami and backwards. We will fight against his arrest both politically and legally. On Saturday, Congress workers will stage protests across the state against Yadav's arrest," he said. Yadav, who represents Bhilai Nagar constituency in Durg district, was apprehended on August 17 by Balodabazar-Bhatapara district police. He was charged under sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 120B (criminal conspiracy), 147 (punishment for rioting), 186 (voluntary obstruction of a public servant from performing their duties), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 307 (attempt to murder) of India Penal Code and provisions of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act. Unidentified persons had vandalised 'jaitkham' or 'victory pillar', a sacred symbol worshipped by the Satnami community, near the Amar Gufa at Giroudpuri Dham in the Balodabazar-Bhatapara district in the intervening night of May 15 and 16 this year. During a protest called on June 10 over the desecration, a mob set fire to a government office building and more than 150 vehicles were damaged. Congress leaders, including Yadav, had allegedly attended a public meeting during the demonstration held by Satnamis at Dussehra Maidan.

Health Department on high alert for swine flu treatment

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The department has issued helpline numbers for information and guidance on swine flu in Bilaspur district.

RAIPUR: The Health Department has issued a high alert for swine flu treatment in hospitals and has released helpline numbers and advisories for public awareness. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has instructed the Health Department to be vigilant and make adequate arrangements in hospitals. The department has issued helpline numbers for information and guidance on swine flu in Bilaspur district. These numbers will be operational 24/7, and people can contact them for immediate assistance if they suspect swine flu symptoms. Chief Med-

ical and Health Officer Dr. Prabhat Shrivastav has instructed all health center in-charges to be cautious about swine flu and has appealed to the public to get tested and treated at nearby health centers if they show any symptoms. Swine flu virus spreads rapidly in air, and this is the favorable season for the spread of seasonal diseases. The symptoms of swine flu are similar to common cold and fever, but it affects respiratory system and can cause lung damage. The Health Department has released helpline numbers for assistance: CIMS (75874-85907), District Hospital (07752-480251), Apollo Hospital (97555-50834), and toll-free number 104. Dr. Shrivastav has advised people to take precautions, such as wearing masks, washing hands frequently, and maintaining social distancing.

Jaiswal pays surprise visit to hospitals

RAIPUR: State Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, on Thursday, had a surprise inspection of several hospitals in the state capital. He began the inspection with the Pt JNM Medical College Hospital. The Minister talked to the patients there and also took stock of the facilities being provided to them.

Purandar Mishra lays stone

RAIPUR: Raipur-north MLA Purandar Mishra, laid foundation stone for various developmental works at the cost of Rs 34 Lakh in Shankar Nagar region. This includes cement concrete (CC) road in front of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay garden, CC road in Nitin Sahu Niwas lane, drain construction work behind Gorkhapara and Janta quarters, CC road in Prahlad Prajapati lane.

RMC operates 4-wheeler EV charging stations

RAIPUR: The Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) has been operating fast 4-wheeler EV charging stations at four locations in the capital city using funds from the 15th Finance Commission. From April to July 2024, a total of 3499.17 units of electricity were consumed at these EV charging stations. The Raipur Municipal Corporation is earning Rs 10.50 per unit and the monthly increase in electricity consumption due to more vehicles is about 30%, which is a positive response and encouraging. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and guidance from Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Urban Administration and Development, Arun Sao, the Raipur Municipal Corporation has set up fast 4-wheeler EV charging stations at four locations in the capital city. These locations are: Municipal Corporation headquarters parking area, Inter-State Bus Stand Bhatagaon, Multi-Level Parking in front of the Collectorate and Multi-Level Parking near the Old Bus Stand at Jaystambh Chowk. Between April and July 2024, the total electricity consumption at these four EV charging stations was 3499.17 units. The Municipal Corporation of Raipur is earning Rs 10.50 per unit from these stations.

Kiran Dev: A syndicate of scammers formed in previous Cong govt



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● Kiran Singhdev charged that the Congress government had indulged in widespread corruption.

RAIPUR: The BJP has once again targeted the Congress party over the alleged liquor scam worth over Rs 2,000 crore during the previous Congress government in Chhattisgarh. BJP state president Kiran Singhdev and MP Vijay Baghel addressed a joint press conference at Kushabhau Thakre Parisar, accusing the Congress of large-scale corruption.

Kiran Singhdev stated that the Congress government had indulged in widespread corruption, and the liquor scam was a systematic effort to loot the state. He alleged that Anwar Dehbar and Anil Tuteja had formed a syndicate to change the liquor policy and perpetrate the scam, resulting in a loss of Rs 2161 crore to the exchequer.

The BJP leaders claimed that the High Court's recent decision has exposed the Congress's involvement in the scam. The court had dismissed 13 petitions filed by the accused, including Anwar Dehbar, Anil Tuteja, and others, chal-

lenging the ED's investigation and the FIRs registered by the EOW and ACB. Vijay Baghel alleged that the previous Congress government had indulged in scams worth over Rs 50,000 crore during its five-year rule, with the then Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel being the mastermind. He accused the Congress of looting the state's resources and said that the party would face punishment for its crimes.

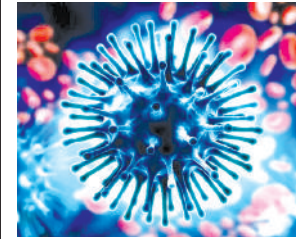
Kiran Singhdev said that the BJP had been raising the issue of the liquor scam since May 2023, and the party's Mahila Morcha had even organized a statewide 'chakka jam' protest.

He claimed that the Congress was trying to discredit the investigating agencies and the judiciary but would not succeed in hiding its corruption.

NEWSLINE

SWINE FLU

Swine flu claims two lives during last 24 hours



RAIPUR: Swine flu has now become alarming in Chhattisgarh. Two persons died of swine flu in the last 24 hours. A 41-year-old man died in Manendragarh while a 37-year-old man became the victim of this disease in Rajnandgaon. In the month of August, six people have died of swine flu (H1N1 virus) in the entire state so far, while 29 positive cases have been reported in a week, out of which 26 were from Bilaspur district only. Meanwhile, the Chhattisgarh Health Dept has issued an alert in the entire state regarding swine flu. Instructions have been given to get swine flu test done in case of high fever along with cold, cough and phlegm.

CURRENT

Flow of current triggers panic among students

RAIPUR: around three hundred primary class students got panic, as there was current in the school building on Thursday. The incident occurred in Swami Atmanand English Medium School in Titurdi. The teachers exhibited prudence and immediately took out all the children safely in the school ground. Son after getting the information, the district education department officials rushed to the school and took stock of the situation.

The worried family members kept on calling the school management to know about the incident. The teachers assured that the situation was completely under control. At the same time, the reasons for the spread of current is being investigated, informed the teachers.

AWARENESS

Need for scientific awareness in the country: Dr Mishra



RAIPUR: On the occasion of National Scientific Awareness Day, an awareness program was held at Teli Bandha Talab, Marine Drive. The event featured scientific demonstrations of so-called miracles, and books and pamphlets related to the eradication of superstitions were distributed to citizens and students.

The program was organized by the Andhra Shardha Nirmoolan Samiti, Chhattisgarh Science Assembly, and Rationalists, among other collaborating organizations. A tribute was paid to Dr. Narendra Dabholkar during the event.

EMPOWERING ADOLESCENTS

SCERT, MBIF to integrate life skills education in schools

Central Chronicle News

A MoU was signed in the presence of dignitaries including Rajendra Kumar Katara, IAS, SCERT Director, and Jayant Rastogi, Global CEO of Magic Bus India Foundation (MBIF).

RAIPUR: In a visionary step towards empowering adolescents in Chhattisgarh, the State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT) has partnered with Magic Bus India Foundation, a leading non-profit organisation in the education and skilling space, to integrate Life Skills Education into the state's school curriculum.

This collaboration was formalised through a Memorandum of Under-



MoU was signed in the presence of SCERT Director and Global CEO of MBIF.

FASTFACTS

● 3-year partnership aims to equip adolescents across Chhattisgarh with essential life skills.

● The programme will begin by reaching 800 government schools during the first two academic years.

standing (MoU) signed in the presence of dignitaries including Rajendra Kumar Katara, IAS, SCERT Director, and Jayant Rastogi, Global CEO of Magic Bus India Foundation (MBIF). Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023, the three-year partnership aims to equip adolescents across Chhattisgarh with essential life skills. The programme will begin by reaching 800 government schools during the first two academic years, with 1,600 teachers receiving life skills training. These trained teachers will then deliver Life Skills Education to 40,000 adolescents in grades 6 to 10, initially focussing on the tribal and aspirational districts of Kanker and Kondagaon in the Bastar division. The programme will subsequently expand to cover all 33 districts in the state, ensuring life skills education reaches more adolescents across Chhattisgarh. In the first year, the focus will be on contextualising the curriculum, with active involvement from the State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT).

GSS ALUMNI

GSS honours alumni as part of talent felicitation

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: As like previous years', Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh(GSS) took the honour to celebrate the achievements of alumni who have excelled in their fields and made significant contributions to society. The occasion was witnessed by the staff of both English and Hindi medium in presence of Principals of both the institutions. Narayan Bhai Patel, president of Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh



was present as chief guest and honoured the alumnus Rajesh Kumar Limbani (CA) and Manoj Varu. Sharing details of Rajesh Limbani it was

informed that he passed Class XII from Shri Gujrati English Medium School in 2018 with Commerce and thereafter started the journey of CA

Regular study, concentration, and hard work make achieving goals possible.

Rajesh Kumar Limbani
Chartered Accountant

which he completed in 2023. It was a miracle on his part to clear all stages of CA in single attempt. Likewise Manoj Varu was a student of Shri Gujrati

Hindi Med Hr Sec School and he passed Class XI in 1981 and later completed BE Civil from GEC Raipur in 1986. At present he is working as Dy Secretary, Govt of Chhattisgarh.

As part of the ceremony honoring former students of the institution, invited alumnus Rajesh Kumar Limbani (CA) shared the secret of his success with the students, highlighting that regular study, concentration, and hard work make achieving goals possible.

Raipur division prepared for irrigation

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: Despite irregular or low rainfall, farmers in Raipur division will have sufficient water for irrigation. The division's reservoirs and dams have an average water storage of 90% due to the rainfall so far. Divisional Commissioner, Mahadev Kaware, reviewed the water storage in dams and reservoirs and gave necessary instructions to the Water Resources Department officials.

Kaware directed the officials to ensure that farmers' crops do not suffer due to water scarcity, even if rainfall is low or irregular. He instructed the department to be prepared to release water from dams for irrigation as per farmers' demands. The officials informed that the Ravishankar Sagar project has 90% water storage, and water has been released for irrigation in Raipur, Dhamtari, and Baloda Bazar districts.



"BJP is focussed on including every section of the society in its membership drive."

Richa Prakash Chaudhary
Collector, Durg

Water to be released from dams for Kharif crops

Meeting of District Water Utility Committee held.



Public representatives interacting with administrative officials in the meeting.

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BHILAI: Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired a meeting of the District Water Utility Committee on Friday. MP Vijay Baghel, MLA (Ahiwara) DomanlalKorsewada, MLA (Durg Rural) Lalit Chandrakar and MLA (Durg City) Gajendra Yadav attended this meeting.

In view of water level in the dams, the committee decided to provide water from dams for irrigation of Kharif crops as per the demand of farm-

FASTFACTS

- Encroachments to be removed from irrigation canals

- Joint committee to be formed for inspection of canals

ers. Also, the officials of the Water Resources Department were asked to pay special attention to the repair of canals etc to reduce wastage and ensure that the water reaches till the tail areas. Instructions were given

Tandula filled up to 90.53 % capacity

Executive Engineer SK Pandey informed that Tandula has 90.53% water, Kharkhara has 100% water, Gondli has 49.79% water, Gangrel has 88.44% water and Khapri reservoir has 81.75% water. 111 small reservoirs are filled up to 76% of their capacity. Pandey also spoke about the proposed Mahanadi - Tandula Link Project at a cost of Rs 1074.58 crore.

to keep the canals safe in urban areas and remove encroachments from the canal. A joint team of the Water Resources Department, Urban Bodies and other departments will be formed to inspect the canals in the city. The

Collector directed the Executive Engineer to send a proposal for deepening work under MGN-REGA in the catchment areas, reservoir improvement under Dam Safety Scheme and flood disaster management.

Broad daylight theft at Armarikhurd

BHILAI: A ruffian burgled cash and jewellery from his house in village Armarikhurd. The victim Tikuram Sahu complained that an unknown biker visited his house and stated that his son had sent seven quintals of TMT bars and demanded Rs 15000 cash. The old man replied that he will give money after getting the consignment. The biker asked for water after which the old man went inside the kitchen. Meanwhile, the biker trespassed into the house and opened the cupboard with keys and escaped with gold Mangalsutra, gold earrings, gold ring and Rs 15000 cash.

3 arrested for boozing in public place

BHILAI: Police arrested three ruffians on charges of consuming liquor at a public place and spoiling public peace. Police arrested the accused Indrajeet Singh (24) son of Ranjeet Singh a resident of Shanti Nagar; Uma Shankar Prajapati (27) son of Shashibhushan Prajapati a resident of Krishna Nagar Supela and Harshal Shah (25) son of Dharmendra Shah, a resident of MohlaManpur while boozing at Auto Stand near Surya Mall.

Mgmt committee to be formed for Red Cross Society: Raut



Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Chief Executive Officer of Indian Red Cross Society, MK Raut reviewed the activities of Red Cross Society in the Collectorate auditorium. Collector and President of Indian Red Cross Society Durg, Richa Prakash Chaudhary gave information about the activities of Red Cross Society operating in the district. The first state level junior Red Cross program will be organized.

People will be made aware by organizing camps regarding the Red Cross Society. Raut gave instructions to constitute a management committee under the Red Cross Society and appoint a state level officer to the committee.

Along with connecting more and more youth at urban and village panchayat level, he asked to make the people aware about first aid and Red

Cross related works.

Collector spoke about the blood bank, old age home, fitness training center, training of operators, Junior Red Cross Society, post mortem center, operation of hearse, financial assistance to people, blood donation camp, health checkup camps, Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Medical Store and other activities of the society. Red Cross Society President Ashok Agarwal, Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan, CMHO Manoj Dani and other officers were present.

Later, Raut inspected the lab operated by Red Cross Society at District Hospital. He also inspected the ambulance operated by the society. SDM Harvansh Singh Miri, Deputy Collector Mukesh Raute and other officers of the health department were present.

NEWSLINE

CYBER FRAUD Lawyer duped of Rs 37 lakh

BHILAI: A Facebook friend duped a lawyer of Rs 37 lakhs. The victim Sarita Singh of Raipur filed a complaint at Bhilai nagar Police Station. The lady complained that she came in contact with a person Dr Nelson Jakit through Facebook. The accused informed her that he was a doctor by profession and was going on a foreign trip to Oman. Later, he sought help from the victim stating that he was not able to access his bank account. He convinced the lady to help him by sending Rs 6 lakh; Rs 5 lakh and Rs 10 lakh at different times. He promised to return the money as soon as he reaches back home. Later, he sent an ATM to the victim and stated that there is Rs 4 crore in his account which will be released after paying some taxes. She checked the account balance of that ATM and found that it had a minimum balance.

BIKE LIFTING

Scooter stolen from Power House

BHILAI: A scooter was stolen from Power House on the day of Raksha bandhan. The victim Pradeep Baul of MP Housing Board Colony and his wife Rama Baul had come to Power House on the scooter bearing registration CG07 LR 4232. They parked the vehicle in front of Balaji Daily Needs shop in Power House Bhilai and went to Raipur by bus to celebrate Raksha bandhan. Pradeep returned back alone around 17:00 hrs and found that the vehicle was not at the place where it was parked.

THEFT ATTEMPT

ATM vandalised in Umarpoti

BHILAI: Unknown ruffians vandalised an ATM Kiosk in village Umarpoti of Uta Police Station limits. It is suspected that it was an attempt to steal cash from the ATM. Police lodged an offence on the complaint of Payal Kapoor, Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank, Umarpoti. The ATM kiosk installed at the bank branch was damaged by unknown persons around 01:45 hrs on August 22. The cash dispenser and the upper part of the ATM were broken. The bank suffered a loss of more than Rs One lakh. The engineer / ATM company will make the actual assessment of the loss.

BOOTLEGGING

Man arrested with illicit liquor

BHILAI: Police arrested a man on charges of peddling illicit liquor. Uta Police informed that acting on a tip off, they rounded up a person at village Bohardih. The accused Ganga Prasad Sahu (22) son of Murali Sahu a resident of Abadipara, Bohardih, was nabbed with a black colour bag. On searching, 16 quarters of country liquor and Rs 220 cash were seized from him.

DAV Hudco celebrates 'Vedic Prachar Saptah'

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BHILAI: DAV Hudco, is celebrating 'Ved Prachar Saptah' from August 20, 2024 to August 25, 2024. The event aims to highlight the great and selfless lives of the propagates of Arya Samaj like Swami Dayanand Saraswati and Mahatma Hansraj and also to apprise the students about the benefits of havan and encouraging them to participate in the daily havan organised in the school.

The week long Vaidik Saptah started with the chanting of 'Ohm' followed by the Havan and Vaidik chanting of one hundred shlokas from Rig Veda which will be followed by Samaveda, Yajurveda, and Athar-



vaveda in the forth coming days in the week. The havan was graced by Prashant Kumar (Principal cum Regional Director, C.G, Zone A) and was joined in by teachers, parents and students which filled the entire atmosphere with tranquillity and serenity.

A 'Jan Chetna Rally' was held on August 21 to spread awareness among the general public about the unique features of the holy Vedas and the teachings of Arya Samaj and Maharsi Dayanand.

Advisory committee meeting on August 27

BHILAI: District Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary will chair a meeting of the District Advisory Committee of Pre-Conception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994 and Rule 1996 PCPNDT Act on August 27. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 13:30 hrs at the Collectorate Auditorium.

E-KYC mandatory to avail ration card facilities

BHILAI: The state government has given instructions to conduct 100% e-KYC of all the members of the ration card. E-KYC of 3,79,942 people is incomplete in the departmental database.

IIT Bhilai celebrates National Space Day with many activities

| SPACE IDEATHON |

Central Chronicle News

A series of exciting events were organised for school students.

BHILAI: On National Space Day, IIT Bhilai hosted a series of exciting events including a space ideathon, drawing competition, and model-building competition for school students. The event welcomed participants from DPS Durg, JNV Durg, DWPS Raipur, and KPS Raipur.

The day commenced with an educational session focusing on the achievements of ISRO and Indian space programs, such as Chandrayaan 3.



Students engaged in one of the activities related to space day celebration.

FASTFACTS

- Interactive session introduced students to space science and astrophysics

- Educational session focussed on achievements of ISRO and Indian space programs

Estemmed faculty from the Department of Physics—Dr Mahavir Sharma, Dr Dhruv P Singh, Dr S Ghosh, and Dr Sudhanwa Patra—led an interactive session introducing students to space science and astrophysics.

Following the educational segment, students engaged in the ideathon and painting competi-

tions, which were followed by a lunch break. Post-lunch, a documentary on ISRO's missions and Chandrayaan 3 was screened, complemented by an interactive quiz session with SES members of IIT Bhilai.

In the evening, Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director of IIT Bhilai, graced the occasion and awarded prizes to the winners of the competitions. He encouraged the students to pursue excellence in scientific and technological fields, particularly space science.

Additionally, as part of the Space Day program, a live telecast of the national event from Delhi was streamed on the IIT Bhilai campus.

| ENSURE SAFETY OF WOMEN |

'Andaaz Apna Apna' group concerned over increasing crime against women

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Andaaz Apna Apna, a group of twelve women, has been continuously active in Nehru Nagar for more than 25 years. The women in the group mostly above 50 not only meet every month but also discuss burning issues on all topics, especially women related, that seek action of the government or calls for immediate attention and resolution.

The kitty for August, organised the other day, was themed to celebrate Independence Day, Hariyali Teej, Rakshabandan and Sawan,



the month that brings joy and enthusiasm for women. As per the tradition, women relate it with going to the maternal home, swinging, laughing and jok-

ing with friends largely enjoyed by women of all ages. The members in keeping with the theme hummed savangeet, bhajan, Kajari, poems etc. Though everyone

had gathered as per schedule, the mind was deeply saddened by the gruesome murder and rape of the daughter of Calcutta. To give the message of ensuring the



safety of women, everyone expressed their concern over the increasing crimes against women in the society by wearing black bands. They expressed solidarity

with the medical fraternity who are seeking justice for the victim. Mainly, the women present in the group were Mrs Kusum Pandey, Mrs Krishna Tripathi, Mrs

Jyoti Purang, Mrs Pushpa Jain, Mrs Kanti Swarnkar, Mrs Kunjlata Tripathi, Mrs Rama Gaurti, Mrs Shashi Srivastava, Mrs Snehlata Jain, Mrs Veena Chawla.

N-E-W-S



Goa govt. has addressed the concerns of taxi operators in a timely manner. However, their current protest in Pernem appears to be politically motivated."

Pramod Sawant
Chief Minister, Goa

Preparations for Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Amritsar



Amritsar: Children sit near idols of Lord Ganesha at a workshop ahead of the 'Ganesh Chaturthi' festival, in Amritsar \ on Friday. PTI

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

SUICIDE

Suspect in school girl sexual assault in fake NCC camp case commits suicide

KRISHNAGIRI: The prime suspect in the sexual assault of a school girl at a fake NCC camp at Bargur in the district died allegedly by suicide on Friday, said police.

Sivaraman reportedly consumed rat control paste ahead of his arrest on August 19, they said.

He was admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital in Krishnagiri, where he was undergoing treatment for fracturing his leg when he attempted to escape from being caught by the police. Later, he was referred to the Government Medical College Hospital, Salem as his condition worsened, and he died today. Incidentally, Sivaraman's father Ashok Kumar died in a road accident when he was riding a two-wheeler in an inebriated condition on Thursday, a senior police official said. **PTI**

SANCTION

Obtained sanction to prosecute Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal: CBI



NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday informed a Delhi court it has obtained sanction to prosecute Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak in a corruption case related to the alleged excise scam. The submission was made before Special Judge Kaveri Baweja, who posted the matter for hearing on August 27. Kejriwal's judicial custody in the case is scheduled to end on August 27. **PTI**

RG Kar's descendants feel hopeless about doctors' security

On the 172nd birth anniversary of Dr Radha Gobinda Kar his descendants felt "hopeless" at the "minimal progress achieved in healthcare facilities" cradling young doctors.

Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: On the 172nd birth anniversary of Dr Radha Gobinda Kar who founded the Calcutta School of Medicine in 1886, an institution later rechristened as RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in memory of the physician-philanthropist, his descendants felt "hopeless" at the "minimal progress achieved in state-run healthcare facilities" cradling young doctors.

Speaking to PTI, the fourth generation of RG Kar's descendants, who live in the same house in

the Ramrajatala area of Howrah where he was born on August 23, 1852, said they felt heartbroken to know little has improved in terms of providing security and facilities to budding doctors, a goal with which Kar had set up the facility amid major adversities 138 years ago.

The family felt it would be prudent to "leave it to the conscience" of the agitating junior doctors who have struck work, albeit on "valid grounds", and crippled public healthcare in West Bengal for two weeks now to decide whether or not it

HIGHLIGHT

● The family felt it would be prudent to "leave it to the conscience" of the agitating junior doctors who have struck work, albeit on "valid grounds", and crippled public healthcare in West Bengal for two.

is time for them to return to work.

Members of the family also said that the state government is likely to have failed to instill confidence among the agitating doctors and pursue them to resume work despite the Supreme

Court's appeal and repeated requests from the state health department to that effect.

"I feel quite hopeless at the dearth of facilities our doctors continue to have at the government hospitals even after nearly eight decades of our Independence. We have been hearing of such atrocities in the past and I am confident we will hear more such abominable crimes inside hospital premises in future as well.

RG Kar wanted to produce quality doctors to take on the widespread diseases of his time. We have failed to hon-

our his memory," said Partha Kar, a photographer-teacher.

"I shudder to think what happened to the victim could also have happened to my daughter. Her eyes were oozing blood, not tears," an exasperated Gargi, Partha's wife added.

Expressing shock and anguish after the horrific crime at the hospital premises came to light, the 30-odd members of the Kar household who live in a joint-family set-up, had participated in the 'Reclaim the Night' protests on the Independence Day eve.

Man kills daughter, commits suicide over dispute

PALGHAR: A man allegedly killed his three-and-half-year-old daughter by making her consume rat poison and committed suicide over a dispute with his wife in Maharashtra's Palghar district, police said on Friday. The incident occurred at Mokhada on August 20, and the man died after battling for his life at a hospital on Thursday, an official said. The accused, Adhinath Rokde (34), worked with his wife at Chinchola in neighbouring Nashik district.

The couple had frequent quarrels as the accused suspected his wife of having an affair, assistant inspector Premnath Dhole of the Mokhada police said. Rokde brought his daughter Pari to his house in Khodala in Mokhada and didn't allow his wife to take the child back, the official said.

UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER IN PATNA

Chouhan praises Modi govt's efforts for backward classes

Press Trust Of India

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has praised the Narendra Modi govt for its efforts to uplift backward classes and accused the Congress of merely offering 'lip service' to the cause.



Electrification of railway tracks, is going on at rapid pace. | PTI.

PATNA: Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday praised the Narendra Modi government for its efforts to uplift backward classes and accused the Congress-led opposition of merely offering "lip service" to the cause.

The Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development was addressing

FACTFILE

● "We are also trying to ensure an increase in agricultural output, alongside a reduction in cost of farming, so that agriculture is not seen as an economically unviable activity", Chauhan said.

backward class "known for its contribution in nation building, in my home state as well as Bihar".

"Our opponents only pay lip service to backward classes who have got their due only under the current BJP regime, with an 'ati pichhda' (extremely backward class) Narendra Modi at the helm", said Chouhan.

He added, "It is Modi who gave 27 per cent reservation to the OBCs in entrance tests like NEET. It is this government which granted constitutional status to the National OBC Commission. Compare this with the Congress which slept over recommendations of the Kalelkar Commission".

a party function in memory of Ramphal Mandal, a freedom fighter who went to the gallows at the age of 19 for killing three British officials who were blamed for a police firing during the 1942 Quit India movement.

Chouhan, a former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, noted that Mandal was a "dhanuk", a

MAHARASHTRA CM SHINDE SAYS |

HC order against 'bandh' is a slap for Oppon.

Press Trust Of India

NASHIK: Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday said the Bombay High Court's order restraining any person or party from calling for a Maharashtra bandh over the Badlapur incident was a "slap" for the Opposition, and the government will implement the directive.

Vikas Aghadi alliance of the Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (SP) and Congress has called for a bandh on Saturday. But the high court, in a directive in response to petitions challenging the call for a general strike, restrained any person or political party from issuing such a call, and asked the state government to take preventive steps. Speaking at a

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Eknath Shinde
CM, Maharashtra



gathering here to launch the 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin' scheme, Shinde said the Badlapur incident --where two kin-

dergarten girls were allegedly sexually assaulted in the school washroom -- was a "blot on humanity." "It also impacted the happiness we derived from transferring Rs 1500 in accounts of beneficiary women under the Laadki Bahin scheme. But, the Opposition has been politicising the incident and maligning this scheme," he said.

Taxi operators protest continues

Tourist taxi operators' strike at Mopa airport in Goa to continue; meeting with CM fails



PANAJI: A proposed meeting between protesting tourist taxi operators attached to the new international airport at Mopa in Goa and Chief Minister Pramod Sawant did not materialise on Friday afternoon, with the latter terming their agitation "politically motivated". The taxi operators from Manohar International Airport at Mopa have been protesting since Thursday, pressing for their various demands, including complete stoppage of "illegal" transport at this green-field airport, operated by GMR Goa International Airport Limited. The agitation was expected to be resolved on Friday afternoon after CM Sawant invited

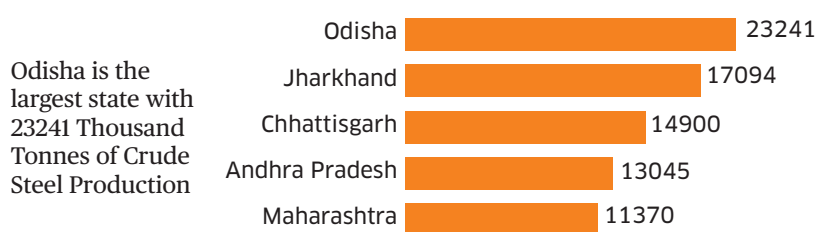
a delegation of the taxi operators to meet him at his official residence at Altinho in Panaji. Around 25 agitators went to meet the CM but were denied permission. Officials asked them to come with 8-10 members, said Chetan Kamat, a leader of the taxi operators.

The protesters demanded that the entire delegation be allowed to meet the CM, or else the meeting should be cancelled, he said.

Kamat told reporters outside the CM's residence that since the entire delegation was not allowed to participate in the meeting, they would be returning to Pernem in North Goa, where their agitation is underway. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

STATES HAVING MAXIMUM CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION IN INDIA (2022-23) (IN THOUSAND TONNES)



Odisha is the largest state with 23241 Thousand Tonnes of Crude Steel Production

Source: Agencies

TOURISM

Himachal to launch new flight routes connecting Chandigarh, Dharamshala

SHIMLA: In a bid to further boost tourism in the state, the Himachal Pradesh government is set to introduce new flight routes connecting Chandigarh, Kullu and Dharamshala, officials said on Friday. According to the officials, the government is already in discussions with airlines and other stakeholders to launch flights in these routes.

The direct flight between Kullu and Dharamshala is expected to significantly benefit the tourism sector, addressing a long-standing demand from visitors, a statement issued here said. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu emphasised the government's commitment to attracting high-end tourists to the state.

"Strengthening air connectivity was crucial to achieving our tourism goals and reducing travel time and costs for tourists is essential," he said. "Himachal Pradesh is blessed with breathtaking landscapes and has immense potential for tourism. **PTI**

ACHIEVEMENT

'India has done maximum electrification for expansion of tracks'



NEW DELHI: India is the country with maximum electrification for expansion of tracks, Mukul Saran Mather, Additional Member, Commercial, Ministry of Railways, said in his inaugural address at the ASSOCHAM National Conference held on Friday in New Delhi. Eminent experts, stakeholders and senior government officials from the Railway ministry deliberated upon a range of issues and transformative technical solutions for 'Modernisation of Railway for Viksit Bharat'.

Mather, while focusing on the achievements of the railways, said the rail network has been increased to 68,000 km currently. **PTI**

The state government is committed to safeguard the rights of tribals and preserve their culture & tradition.

Vijay Sharma
Dy. CM Chhattisgarh



Chhattisgarh



Collector conducted a thorough review of the progress of various construction works going on under PWD in KCG district.

Collector inspects PWD construction projects

Collector expressed displeasure over the delay in construction of 5 km road including bridges and culverts.

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KHAIIRAGARH: Collector Chandrakant Verma conducted a thorough review of the progress of various construction works going on under the Public Works Department in the meeting hall of the District Collector. During this, he directed to issue show cause notice to the concerned SDO and Sub Engineer who were not taking the construction work seriously and were negligent in their work. He also directed to issue show cause notice to the SDO and Sub Engineer

of Public Works Department Chhuikhadan for taking more than 10 months in infrastructure construction phase-I for the establishment of Common Facility Center by Abhijeet Singh Suri. Collector Mr. Verma expressed displeasure over the delay in construction of 5 km road including bridges and culverts from Dokrabhatha to Padmavatipur of the district by Sai Construction Jawahar Nagar Durg and directed to complete it soon. He directed the concerned officer to issue a show cause notice to terminate

HIGHLIGHT

- Show cause notice issued to SDO and Sub Engineer who were negligent.
- Contracts of contractors who were negligent in their work will be terminated.

the contract of Ataullah Khan Rajnandgaon for not completing the construction work of Industrial Training Institute Khairagarh building till date. Along with this, he directed the concerned officer to issue a show cause notice to terminate

the contract of contractor Mahavir Construction Khairagarh for not completing the work of construction of warehouse for proper storage of voting machines and VVPAT within the stipulated time period. Apart from this, he directed the Public Works Department officer to issue a show cause notice to terminate the contract of concerned contractor Sanjay Singhi Rajnandgaon for not completing the 2.50 km road construction work from Deori High School to Gauthan even in more than 1 year.

| JJM MEETING |

Collector meets with Jal Jeevan Mission contractors

Tanishka shines in district-level Indian culture exam

DONGARGAON: Tanishka Gupta, daughter of Devendra Gupta, a class VII student from Swami Atmanand Government Excellent English Medium School Dongargaon, has secured second place at the district level in the Indian Culture Knowledge Examination 2023, organized every year under the aegis of Gayatri Tirtha Shantikunj Haridwar. For this achievement of the student, the organizers have honored her with a certificate of proficiency, a token and a nominated amount of district level second place. The Principal of the institution B.L. Devangan, lecturer Sandeep Verma and all the teachers congratulated the student and wished her a bright future.

RAJNANDGAON: A meeting of contractors working under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was held in the Collectorate hall under the chairmanship of Collector and Chairman District Water and Sanitation Mission Rajnandgaon, Sanjay Aggarwal. Contractors working under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) were present in the meeting. The Collector discussed with the contractors who have stopped work for more than 4 months. He directed the contrac-



A meeting of contractors working under Jal Jeevan Mission was held.

FACTFILE

- Instructions to contractors who have stopped work for 1 year to start work within a time period of 15 days.

tors who have stopped work for the last 1 year to start work within a time period of 15 days. He said that action will be taken to cancel the

contract if the work is not started. Those contractors who have not completed the tank construction work were instructed to complete it in 1 to one and a half months and start drinking water supply through the tank. All the works allotted under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) were asked to be completed by December this year. The Collector directed the contractors

Firecracker license applications now open

KORBA: With the festival of Diwali approaching quickly, applications have been invited for getting temporary firecracker license. Applications for firecracker license will be accepted through LSDA module (online) from 02 September to 13 September. After applying online, it is mandatory to submit the site map and your passport size color photo along with the application with receipt along with the identity card with photo in the license branch. Also, a challan of Rs 600 has to be deposited for the license and a copy of the challan has to be attached with the application.

Invitation feasts boost Pandaria participation

PANDARIA/CHARKHURA: Under the government's scheme, invitation feasts are being organized in various schools to increase community participation. On Thursday, invitation feast was organized in the government primary and pre-secondary school located in Charkhura Kala of the block. Village resident Hiravan Jaiswal served invitation food to the children.

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BEST OF THE REST

SADHBHAWANA DIWAS

Sadbhavana Diwas celebrated in Govt PG College on Rajiv's birth anniversary

DONGARGAON: Sadhbhavana Diwas (Goodwill Day) was organized in the Government Post Graduate College of the city on 22nd August under the guidance of Principal Dr. B.N. Meshram and under the direction of National Service Scheme Program Officer Dr. Asharam Sahu and Priyanka Gajbhiye. Goodwill Day is celebrated every year on 20th August on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. On this occasion, the Principal, in his address, advised all the students that we all should strive for mutual emotional unity and goodwill without discriminating on the basis of caste, sect, region, religion or language. Only constitutional means should be used to remove any kind of differences and deadlock.

CRIME

Police issue challan to Dhawal Ram Sahu for being involved in selling Ganja

DHANTARI: A challan was presented by Police Station Arjuni against the accused Dhawal Ram Sahu for being found selling ganja illegally in Sankara under Arjuni Police Station area, in which on August 20, the Special Court NDPS Act gave the verdict and sentenced him to 5 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50000/- On 27 December 2023, Dhamtari Police Station Arjuni received information from the informer that ganja was being sold illegally near Sankara. On the information, Arjuni Police Station In-charge raided the house of Sankara resident Dhawal Ram Sahu along with witnesses where 10 kg 432 grams of ganja was found.



Sadbhavana Diwas

Sadbhavana Diwas celebrated at PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

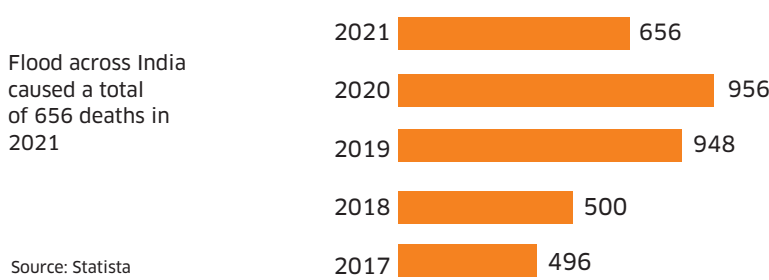


MUNGELI: On Tuesday, students of PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya celebrated Sadbhavana Diwas and paid tributes to former PM of India, Late Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary. The principal and teachers lighted a lamp and put flower garlands at the oil painting of Late Rajiv Gandhi. On this occasion, Principal of the school, DK Sahu, DK Vaishnav and other staff threw light on the life of Late Rajiv Gandhi and described his achievements to the students present in the

school. Furthermore, DK Vaishnav told about the importance of Sadbhavana Diwas and narrated the achievements that Rajiv Gandhi gained during his time as Prime Minister of India. Some of the topics that he highlighted upon were diplomatic ties between India and America, establishing Navodaya Vidyalayas for the poor yet talented students of villages and giving India the dream to become a developed nation in the future.

The Day's NUMBERS

Number of deaths due to floods in India from 2017 to 2021



FEAST

Bharat Mata Vahini hosts invitation feast for school students

RAJIM: Ever since the scheme of invitation feast has been implemented by the Government of Chhattisgarh, since then, various institutions, various organizations and various individuals have been continuously giving invitation feasts in schools. The students are happy with this and the ones who give the invitation feast also seem to be happy. In this series, on Thursday, under the leadership of Suniti Sahu, President of Bharat Mata Vahini Self Help Group Bahrapal, the students of Government Pre-Secondary School Bahrapal were given invitation feast by feeding them kheer puri. On this auspicious occasion, the secretary of the committee Madhuri Sahu, members Mongra Yadav, Neelam Yadav, Faleshwari Sen, Rameshwari Sahu, Domeshwari Yadav, Bhuneshwari Yadav, Daneshwari Yadav, Durga Yadav, Dashoda Yadav, Droni Yadav, head teacher Rajendra Nag, teachers T. Sangar, Sanjay Verma, Dumeshwar Devangan, Ramadhar Dhruv, Gauri Sahu, Nikhil, Vijay and students of Government Pre-Secondary School and Government Primary School Bahrapal were present.

RAKSHABANDHAN

Ranjana Sahu sends Rakhi to CM Vishnu Deo Sai for Rakshabandhan

DHANTARI: On the occasion of Rakshabandhan, former MLA Ranjana Dipendra Sahu sent Raksha Sutra to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai on behalf of the women of Dhamtari Assembly. While releasing the press note, Sahu said that the place that our Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai has made in the hearts of the mothers and sisters of the state is indelible, by providing them financial assistance every month through Mahtari Vandan Yojana, the Chief Minister has increased the respect of mothers and sisters, our Chief Minister has emerged as the beloved brother of all the mothers and sisters of the state, due to whose efforts the women of the state get notification of happiness every month, in which they get a support amount of one thousand rupees, which helps women to become self-reliant and empowered. He has provided a golden opportunity.

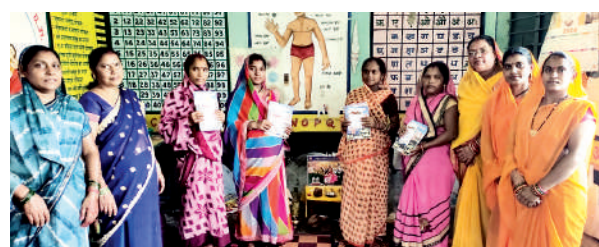


| PUNSAVAN SANSKAR |

'Sahu highlights its benefits of imbibing good values'

Central Chronicle News

RAJIM: The sequence of Sanskar is going on continuously under the direction of Akhil Vishwa Gayatri Parivar Shantikunj Haridwar and guidance of Gayatri Shaktipeeth Rajim. In this series, Punsavan Sanskar of four pregnant mothers was completed in the Anganwadi Center of Chaubebandha, which included Chandni Yamit



Sahu, Nandani Sandeep Yadav, Yogeshwari Bholaram Pal, Kamini Tej Kumar Dhruv. While conducting the said Sanskar, Deepa Sahu, Trustee of Gayatri

Shaktipeeth, Rajim said that in ancient times, the importance of sixteen Sanskars has been told by the sages, in which Punsavan Sanskar has special importance,

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Deepa Sahu
Trustee-Gyatri Shaktipeeth-Rajim

the example of which is Veer Abhimanyu, Bhakt Prahlad. Every pregnant mother should get this sanskar done. She further said that pregnant mothers should take special care of their food, lifestyle, and diet. Punsavan sanskar will prove to be a boon for the coming generation. Anganwadi worker Satyawati Sonkar said that Gayatri Parivar has kept the tradition of sanskar alive with yagya.

'Twenty six appl solved in resolution camp'

In the camp, the departmental officials gave detailed information to the villagers about the schemes run by different departments.

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KORIYA: On the instructions of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, a district level public problem resolution camp was organized at the Government Higher Secondary School of Gram Panchayat Nagar of Baikunthpur development block. This is the third camp of district level public problem resolution and earlier, camps have been organized in Patna and Bhainswar.

In the camp, the departmental officials gave detailed information to the villagers about the schemes run in the departments of Women and Child Development, Agriculture, Labor, Health, Food, Animal Husbandry etc and appealed to take advantage by joining these schemes.

Collector Chandan Tripathi reached the camp site and met the common people, also discussed with the villagers about the problems, demands and needs and while inspecting the stalls at the camp site, she directed the concerned officials to inform the maximum number of people about the schemes and to tell them about the benefits



A district level public problem resolution camp was organized at the Government Higher Secondary School.

FASTFACTS

● Collector said that the objective of the camp is to solve the small problems of the common people immediately, to make them aware of the correct information.

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'Sickle cell test conducted for 47 persons in the camp'

Chief Executive Officer of Janpad Panchayat, Baikunthpur, Alexander Panna informed that 117 people registered in the Health Department, in which 16 applications were received for Ayushman Card, 47 sickle cell tests were conducted and medicines were given to diabetes and BP patients after the tests. Apart from this, 40 applications were received for making labour cards, eight to the Public Health Engineering Department, six to the Food Department, 12 to the Electricity Department, 46 applications related to revenue have been received, thus 130 applications have been received, out of which 26 applications were resolved at the camp site.

provide benefits to the eligible beneficiaries, to move forward towards resolving the problems by sympathetically considering the applications of the applicants. She also participated in the Godhbharai rit-

ual and Annaprasnan program and also fed kheer to the infants. On this occasion, she told the pregnant and lactating women to take special care of their health and eat nutritious and hot food.

Two brothers arrested

KATGI: Illegal liquor has been seized in the region, by Police of Gidhauri police station and a total of 140 liters of mahua liquor, worth Rs. 28,000 and sales amount of Rs.140 have been seized from the accused, both being biological brothers. The accused Vikas and Prakash Nayak are habitual illegal mahua liquor smugglers, have been jailed many times. Both the accused have been sent to jail after registering a crime under section 34(2) Excise Act and presenting them before the court. Inspector K.C. Das, Assistant Sub Inspector Gokul Patel, Constable Jagram, Sujit Tamboli, Raju Lakra, Vishnu Sahu and lady constable Urmila Ekka were involved in this action.

Problem resolution camp held

KORBA: A District level public problem resolution camp will be organized on 30th August in village Ghinara under Rampur assembly. Collector Ajit Vasant has given information about the administration to the villagers through the public problem resolution camp and instructions have been given to reach the schemes and solve their problems. Along with listening to the problems of the common citizens in the camp, information will be given to the villagers to take advantage of the government schemes.

Students appeal to conserve water



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RAJIM: Volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government Rajiv Lochan Postgraduate College Rajim, under the instructions of Commissioner Higher Education Department Chhattisgarh, Dr. Sameeksha Chandrakar In-charge Principal and District Organization National Service Scheme Unit District Gariaband, Program Officer National Service Scheme Unit Professor Shweta Khare and former Program Officer Prof. Tameshwar Markande, organized a water conservation rally in Ward

No. 15 Navadih and Ward No. 14 Patharra of Nagar Panchayat Rajim with the

HIGHLIGHT

● A water conservation rally in Ward No. 15 Navadih and Ward No. 14 Patharra of Nagar Panchayat Rajim with the aim of making people aware about water conservation.

aim of making people aware about water conservation under the Water Conservation Campaign. The rally started from the college premises after the blessings of the Principal.

State-level school sports competition from Aug 24

RAJNANDGAON: The 24th State Level School Sports Competition has been organized by the School Education Department from 24 August to 27 August 2024 at the International Astro turf Hockey Stadium, Rajnandgaon.

Under the direction of Collector and Organizing Committee Chief Mr. Sanjay Agrawal, committees have been formed for organizing the competition and the respon-

sibility of performing the work has been given to the physical education teachers. District Education Officer and Organizing Committee Secretary Mr. Abhay Jaiswal said that in the competition, participants will showcase their sports skills in the boy's category 15, 17 years and girl's category 17 years of Nehru Hockey under 5 divisions of the state, Bastar, Bilaspur, Surguja, Raipur and host Durg.

Tusker sighted in Dhamtari Forest Div, alert sounded



Central Chronicle News

On elephants being seen in rural areas, the Forest Division Officer has made an announcement in every village.

KURUD: On the confirmation of Dhamtari Forest Division, the sighting of a tusker elephant in Magarod area has created an atmosphere of panic among the villagers. On elephants being seen in rural areas, the Forest Division Officer has made an announcement in every village. Also,

the villagers have been appealed not to go to the forest at night and early in the morning. Team assistant Harish Kumar Dubey said that elephant number 21/20 was seen roaming in village Rengadih at 7:30 am on 22nd August while roaming from Gariaband district. No complaint of damage to crops, houses and people has been received. The forest department has alerted the village regarding the arrival of elephant in villages Parsaguda, Madeli, Bakori, Rajadera, Charbhatha Rengadih, Budharav under Mohandi forest range.

Gram Sabha on August 31, September 7

KORBA: District Collector Ajit Vasant has issued orders to organize special Gram Sabha in all the villages of the district. Under the said order, Gram Sabha will be organized on 31 August and 07 September 2024.

Under Section 129 (b) (3) of the Chhattisgarh Panchayati Raj Act 1993, the responsibility of ensuring quorum in the Gram Sabha will be of the Panch, Sarpanch and Secretary.

In the agenda of the Gram Sabha, eligible persons of special backward tribes who do not have the necessary documents are included.

Also, the caste certificate of students studying in government schools and other eligible villagers who do not have the necessary documents will be approved in the Gram Sabha.

SECR enhances safety focus in zonal PREM meeting

| PREM MEETING |

Central Chronicle News

Principal Chief Safety Officer gave a detailed presentation on the topic "Safety in Rail Operations is the Top Priority of SECR," shedding light on the agenda of the meeting.



Ms. Ninu Ittyerah, GM SECR chairing the meeting.

FASTFACTS

● 35 safety seminars were organized by SECR from April to July 2024 to encourage railway employees during their training.

● SECR has honored a total of 29 railway employees, including 7 at the General Manager level.

the management.

The meeting was chaired by Ms. Ninu Ittyerah, General Manager,

South East Central Railway, and was attended by the heads of departments along with the President of the Mazdoor Congress, the Secretary of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Railway Employees Association, the Zonal Joint Secretary of the Backward Classes Railway Employees Association, the President and General Secretary of the Promoted Officers Association, and the President and General Secretary of the Officers Association.

At the beginning of the

meeting, the Principal Chief Safety Officer gave a detailed presentation on the topic "Safety in Rail Operations is the Top Priority of South East Central Railway," shedding light on the agenda of the meeting.

A work plan has been prepared for improvements related to safety in rail operations across the three rail divisions of the South East Central Railway, Bilaspur Zone. Several measures have been taken to streamline safety in rail operations further.

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Flag hoisting in Kharora Chamber of Commerce



KHARORA: On the auspicious occasion of Independence Day, the flag was hoisted by the chief guest, senior pediatrician Mahendra Devangan in the premises of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce office Kharora. In his address Mr. Devangan said that he wished everyone a very Happy Independence Day and congratulated them and hailed the brave sons of India and said that just like the brave soldiers are engaged in serving the nation, similarly the business class of the country is also playing its role with true devotion and idealism by taking a pledge to make the country a developed India by doing advanced business. President of Chamber of Commerce Kharora, Sanjay Agarwal said that the country has got independence from the British but we all have to remain united, only then the country will get freedom from this problem.

INCIDENT

Passerby injured due to negligence of Electricity Dept



KHAIIRAGARH: A passerby was badly injured due to negligence of ADB project contractor and Electricity Department in construction of Chhuikhadan to Dania road, whose treatment is going on. As per information, the work of shifting electric pole was being done by ADB project and Electricity Department in Kandra Para of Chhuikhadan without any security and due to lack of security arrangements at the said place, the electric pole fell on Manish Chandrakar, age 40, resident of Ward No. 05 of Chhuikhadan, due to which the young man got seriously injured. Due to the slow pace of the road construction work, there is already anger among the citizens of Chhuikhadan and a demonstration was held a few days ago.

SPORTS

Two-day provincial Kho-Kho competition organized

KURUD: Under the aegis of Vidyabharati Saraswati Shiksha Sansthan Raipur, Chhattisgarh at Saraswati Shishu Mandir Higher Secondary School Kurud a two day provincial Kho-Kho competition was organized. On the closing occasion of this program, Dr. R.N. Mishra (Block Education Officer Kurud), C.K. Sahu (Assistant Block Education Officer Kurud), L.P. Goswami (Ramayana Expert Governor Award, Senior Advocate) Devnath Soni (Administrator Shishu Mandir Kurud), Manik Lal Sahu (Department Head Rajim Department), Diwakar Swarnkar (Provincial Sports Head), and Srinivas Shukla (Principal) were present.

| LACK OF FACILITIES |

'Breaking of power line causes panic'

Central Chronicle News

PANDARIA: In the government primary school Keshligodaan adjoining the city, electrical wire dismantled and fell causing panic among the staff and students. However due to the promptness and understanding of the cook and teachers, the school children were timely saved from coming into the grip of electricity flow averting a major incident.

After about 1 hour, the electricity department



employees reached the spot and reconnected the wire, which also saw protest from the villagers, who alleged of worn out wires being used in the school. It should be noted that the local villag-

ers and the school's head teacher have made several requests to remove the electric wire, but the department remains insensitive and by 4:00 pm, a large number of parents, public represen-

tatives, and members of the school management committee kept protesting

Villagers of Keshligodaan

in the school premises, but no responsible officer reached the spot. The villagers present charged that the damaged electrical wire can fall anytime and questioned as to who will be responsible for safety of their children. On this the power company employees lost patience and entered into verbal duet with the villager and representatives. They threatened the teacher and parents present not to disturb them and let them complete their work.

KCA appeals to keep the ground safe

Central Chronicle News

KURUD: All the players and sports lovers of Kurud Cricket Academy have appealed to the responsible public representatives and the government administration to keep the sports fairground safe. They said that the football and cricket players of the city practice regularly and when programs are organized, pits are dug which decrease the quality of sports practice and thereafter 30000 to

35000 rupees are spent in leveling the ground, which is spent by the players themselves. The public representatives of Kurud are requested to grant permission to the sports fairground only for sports and cultural programs. Recently, players Sanjay Dhruv, Umesh Sahu, Amit Nishad, Hemant Sahu, Vishnu Nirmalkar, Chinta Dhimar, Chandresh Kurre, Pratik Darra told that some program of a local politician was to be held, which got cancelled on request.



Guv has sent back 15 Bills at the behest of BJP.

D K Shivakumar
K'taka Deputy CM

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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

India to gift four BHISM cubes to Ukraine, mobile hospitals

NEW DELHI: India has decided to gift four Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri (BHISM) cubes, a mobile hospital aimed at providing emergency medical care, to Ukraine, officials on Friday said.

Under the umbrella of Project Aarogya Maitri, a programme to provide essential medical supplies to developing countries as humanitarian assistance, the government has created the BHISM initiative, which provides the means to deliver all basic facilities and equipment for providing emergency medical care in an easy to use and rapidly deployable manner, they noted.

The decision to gift four such cubes to Ukraine was taken prior to the visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Ukraine, which is locked in a protracted war with Russia.

AWARENESS

Raiva Foundation organized three-day social service camp at Paradip



PARADIP: Odisha's leading social service organization Riva Foundation has organized a three-day service program in Paradip. As part of this service program, a health awareness camp was organized at Old Age Home in Balijhara. and food distribution was done. The program was successfully conducted under the supervision of Dr. Arundhati Lenka, Head of the Institute.

New Charge

Anil Kumar takes charge as Director (HR), NTPC

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NEW DELHI: Anil Kumar Jadli has taken charge as Director (HR), NTPC on August 23, 2024. He started his career in NTPC way back in 1993 as an Executive Trainee. His ascent from his humble beginning as an Executive Trainee to the top echelon of HR function in NTPC signifies his passion, commitment and hard work. He is a post graduate in Organic Chemistry from Garwal University and did his post graduate diploma in Business Management in Human



Resource Management from MDI, Gurgaon. He has also received management and leadership training inputs from ESCP-EAP (Paris, Berlin and Turin).

He has an illustrious career spanning over more than three decades encompassing both line and HR functions. After working in line function

for around a decade, he switched over to HR function in 2004. From 2004 onwards, he looked after various facets of HR in various projects of NTPC in different capacity including Head of HR. He moved to Corporate HR in the year 2020, where he was instrumental in formulation and implementation of various HR strategies and initiatives.

He is a strong believer of "people before PLF" philosophy. With his rich and varied experience, HR in NTPC will achieve new feats in the days to come.



VP Dhankhar being welcomed by Gujarat GUV Acharya Devvrat and CM upon their arrival in Ahmedabad. | Photo: PTI

Forensic science cornerstone of truth and justice: VP

Forensic science ensures justice is served to the perpetrators and, more importantly, it helps in establishing innocence, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said.

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GANDHINAGAR: Forensic science is not just a technical field but the cornerstone of truth and justice, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said here on Friday as he called upon forensic experts to apply their skills to combat terrorism, organised crime as well as address environmental degradation and cyber crimes.

Forensic science ensures justice is served to the perpetrators and, more importantly, it helps in establishing innocence, Dhankhar said, adding that a "society that cannot listen to the cry of an innocent

person is a society that is bound to slide down".

Delivering a special address at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), he hailed the passage of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam and said it had unshackled us from our draconian colonial legacy.

"(With passage of the three criminal laws) we unshackled from the colonial legacy, we tested our freedom. Our trust with freedom in the criminal jurisprudence system happened with these laws. 'Dand Vidhan' became 'Nyaya Vidhan.'

HIGHLIGHT

● Perpetrators of justice do really suffer, but this also helps in establishing innocence as well.

● It is our expertise that helps keep away cheats who seek to destabilise the system.

Not just a change, a big change, a much-needed change, unshackling us from the draconian colonial legacy where the determining factor of law was how to deal with the subject in a stringent manner," he said.

The criminal justice

system of a nation defines its democracy and is the first to come to anyone's mind since it touches upon our liberty, he said.

Asserting that forensic science is not merely a technical field but the cornerstone of truth and justice, he said the actions of those in the field of forensic science were the "ultimate refuge for the innocent" and "you help pin down the one who would be suffering ultimate culpability".

"Miscarriage of justice is a very demoralising factor for a society, and without application of forensic science, miscarriage of justice is not avoidable. Forensic sci-

ence is more than just a tool to bring the perpetrator to justice. It's much beyond that. Perpetrators of justice do really suffer, but this also helps in establishing innocence as well," he said.

"A society that cannot listen to the cry of an innocent person in a system is a society that is bound to slide down. You are bulwarks between an innocent person being held guilty on oral testimony that is prejudiced and motivated.

Your skill comes to the aid of the innocent, and to the surprise of those who seek to wreak vengeance," he added.

National Space Day observed by Paradip Port Authority

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PARADIP: On 23 August 2023, India achieved a historic milestone when the Chandrayaan-3 lander successfully completed a soft landing on the Moon. This remarkable accomplishment made India the 4th country to accomplish this feat and the 1st to land on the lunar South Pole. In recognition of this extraordinary achievement, PM Modi has declared August 23 as National Space Day.

Accordingly National Space Day with the theme "Touching Lives While Touching the Moon:

India's Space Saga" to honour and take pride in our collective achievements was organised by Paradip Port Authority.

Paradip Port, as a part of celebration of National Space Day, organised series of activities. Drawing & Essay writing competitions were held among local school students, where they dove into creativity and explored the cosmos. A fancy dress competition on space theme was conducted among the kids of 'V' point KG school. PPA Secretary, U.R Mohan Raju encouraged the enthusiastic students.

LANDMARK DECISION

HC orders sale of cocaine-seized ship MV Devi Panama

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PARADIP: In a landmark decision, the Odisha High Court has ordered the sale of the vessel MV Devi Panama, which was detained at Paradip Port following the discovery of Rs. 220 crore worth of cocaine on board. The vessel was also facing non-payment issues, with outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 7.95



Cocaine-seized ship MV Devi Panama at Paradip Port. | Photo: PTI

crores. The order was issued by Justice V. Narasingh, who serves as both a High Court judge

and admiralty judge, marking a first in the history of the Odisha High Court.

The court's decision comes after the realization that prolonged detention could decrease the vessel's value. Consequently, the High Court appointed the Deputy Registrar (Judicial) as the Court Commissioner to oversee the sale.

The court has further appointed 'Adoina Offshore Consultants Pvt Ltd' to appraise the vessel's value.

कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, निर्माण भवन, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर जिला रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़)

--: नौवां (9th) काउंसिलिंग हेतु सूचना :-

छत्तीसगढ़ व्यावसायिक परीक्षा मंडल नवा रायपुर अटल नगर (छत्तीसगढ़) द्वारा ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा, लोक निर्माण विभाग तथा भौतिक तथा खनिकर्म विभाग के प्रस्ताव पर सहायक मानचित्रकार (सिविल) के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति हेतु दिनांक 25.03.2018 को मानचित्रकार / सहायक मानचित्रकार के पद पर भर्ती हेतु संयुक्त भर्ती परीक्षा (CDM18) आयोजित की गई तथा परीक्षा का परिणाम व्यापक को वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 19.07.2018 को प्रदर्शित किया गया। परीक्षा परिणाम घोषित होने के पश्चात् विज्ञापित में दी गई कंडिकाओं के अनुरूप मेरिट आधार पर अभ्यर्थियों के मूल प्रमाण पत्रों की जांच हेतु केवल लोक निर्माण विभाग के लिए विज्ञापित रिक्त पदों हेतु काउंसिलिंग किया जाना है।

अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे निम्नांकित मूल प्रमाण पत्रों एवं उसकी स्वयं अथवा राजपत्रित अधिकारी से सत्यापित छायाप्रतियाँ सहित दिनांक 04.09.2024 को समय प्रातः 11.00 बजे कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, निर्माण भवन, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर (छत्तीसगढ़) में उपस्थित होंगे :-

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Notice Inviting Tender

WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT, CHHATTISGARH
Office of the Deputy Director, Hydrometeorology Division No.4, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

E-mail: ddhyd4-wrd@cg.gov.in

NIT No. 02/SAC/2024-25 Raipur, Dated 22.08. 2024
Water Resource Department, Chhattisgarh (WRD-CG) invites online tenders through Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal up to 12th September 2024 by 05:30 PM for the following:

System Tender No.	Details	PAC (Rs. Cr.)	Duration (months)	EMD (Rs. Lakh)	Processing Fee (Rs.)
157899	"Request for Proposal for Selection of Consulting Firm for setting up of Project Management Unit (PMU) for Transaction Advisory Services, Policy Implementation, Technical Assistance in Planning of Water Resources, Enhancement in Water Use Efficiency for the Water Security, Safety and Sustainability."	41.08	36	5.00	311.00

Terms:
1. Details of Tender, ToR & Other Conditions can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from 27/08/2024/5:30 PM.
2. The Bid must be delivered online only upto 12/09/2024 by 05:30 PM. No personal, postal or courier delivery will be entertained.

Deputy Director
Hydrometeorology Division no.4,
Raipur, Chhattisgarh

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Advt. No. CSB/01/2024 Date: 24.08.2024

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Please refer to Central Silk Board's Brief Advertisement No. CSB/01/2024 dated 24.02.2024 and Notice dated 16.04.2024 published in CSB's website and in the Employment News on 24.02.2024 for recruitment of 122 Scientist-B (Pre-Cocoon) based on score secured in ICAR AICE-JRF/SRF (PhD)-2024 examination.

The Online application link has opened from 22.08.2024. Interested candidates should apply ONLINE ONLY. The detailed advertisement is available at the website of CSB [www.csb.gov.in] under the link "JOB Opportunities". The last date for receipt of online application is 05.09.2024. Candidates should compulsorily read the detailed advertisement carefully before making an online application.

CBC 41109/12/0012/2425 **Member Secretary**

Department of Tribal and Scheduled Caste, Government of Chhattisgarh
RFP No: 5329 Dated-22-8-2024

Sub: Engagement of Consultants (Central Public Sector Undertaking) for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Bidding Documents. Selection of Construction Agency & Project Management Consultancy Services for Construction of Eklayva Model Residential Schools in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Department of Tribal and Scheduled Caste (on behalf of Government of Chhattisgarh), seeks proposals from eligible bidders for Request for Proposal (RFP) for "Engagement of Consultants (Central Public Sector Undertaking) for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Bidding Documents, Selection of Construction Agency & Project Management Consultancy Services for Construction of Eklayva Model Residential Schools in the State of Chhattisgarh"

Department of Tribal and Scheduled Caste invites proposals from Central Public Sector enterprise/undertakings only.

The Tender document shall be available from 20 August, 2024 at 3:00 PM onwards in the following web portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> further, intimation i.e (Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Clarification) shall be uploaded in the above website only.

Applicants are required to submit the duly proposals as per the prescribed format on or before 10th September, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

For more details please visit <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
Contact No: 0771 2263708/0771 2262690

Tender Inviting Authority	Department of Tribal & Scheduled Caste, Government of Chhattisgarh
Name of Work	Engagement of Consultants for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Bidding Documents, Selection of Construction Agency and Project Management Consultancy Services for Construction of Eklayva Model Residential Schools in Chhattisgarh.
Estimated Cost	INR 916 crores (inclusive of GST and all other taxes) For 21 Locations
Completion Period	24 Months
DLP & Maintenance period	36 months post completion
Date of publishing the RFP Document	20/08/2024
Last Date/Time for Pre-Bid Queries	03/09/2024 at 12:00 PM
Date/Time/ Place of Pre-Bid Conference	04/09/2024 at 12:00 PM Commissioner, Department of Tribal & Scheduled Caste, Indravati Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, (CG)
Last date and time for submission of Proposal	10th September 2024 at 17:00 hrs
Email	ctd.cgnirman@gmail.com
Date and time for opening of Technical Proposal	11th September 2024 at 11:00 hrs
Date and time for Technical Presentation	16th September 2024 at 11:00 hrs
Date and time for opening of Financial Proposal	20th September 2024 at 11:00 hrs
Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)	INR 10,00,000/- to be paid online in favor of Commissioner Department of Tribal and Scheduled Caste, Government of Chhattisgarh.
Tender Processing Fee	INR 10,000/- to be paid online in favor of Commissioner Department of Tribal and Scheduled Caste, Government of Chhattisgarh.
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Prez Murmu voices concern over increasing space debris

Prez praised ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Operations Management Facility.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday voiced concern over increasing space debris as a result of numerous satellites being placed in orbit and lauded ISRO for setting itself a target to make future space missions debris free by 2030.

"Space debris can cause problems for space missions," she said during the event at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi that was attended by Union minister Jitendra Singh, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath, engineers, ISRO scientists and representatives of the country's nascent space industry.



President Murmu presents a certificate to a winner during an event celebrating first National Space Day. Photo: PTI

The president appreciated the ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Operations Management Facility, which ensures continuous progress of space research activities. "I am also happy to note that India is moving forward to make all its space missions debris free by 2030," Murmu said.

The president presented awards to winners of the Robotics Challenge and the Bharatiya Antariksh Hackathon on the occasion. During her speech, Murmu made a mention of the Chandrayaan-3 data that proved that the Moon was an ocean of molten magma which

cooled down later. The findings were made by scientists from Ahmedabad's Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) after studying the data from Chandrayaan-3 and published in the scientific journal Nature. The president said ISRO had made remarkable achievements in the space sector as well as

invaluable contributions to the country's social and economic development. She appreciated the dedicated scientists who placed India's space programme among the best in the world by using minimum resources.

Murmu also expressed confidence that the country would make continuous progress in space science and continue to set new standards of excellence. The president said the progress of India's space sector was extraordinary. "Be it a successfully completed Mars mission with limited resources or the successful launch of more than a hundred satellites at once, we have made many impressive achievements," Murmu said.

The president said increased the capabilities of human beings and transformed imagination into reality. "At 9.25 AM, a mini UAV on a training mission well within Indian territory lost control due to technical malfunction and drifted into the Nikial sector of Pakistan opposite our Bhimber Gali sector," said an official. "As per media inputs, Pakistani troops have recovered the same. A hotline message has been sent to the Pakistan Army to return the said UAV," he said.

Indian Army's mini drone falls into Pak territory

NEW DELHI: A mini tactical drone of the Indian Army inadvertently crossed over to the Pakistani side of the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir following a technical glitch, officials on Friday said.

The Pakistani troops recovered the unmanned aerial vehicle, according to reports. The Army sent a message on the hotline to the Pakistani army to return the drone.

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The UAV was on a test training sortie in the hinterland in Bhimber Gali area, according to officials. "As per media inputs, Pakistani troops have recovered the same. A hotline message has been sent to the Pakistan Army to return the said UAV," he said.

ISRO releases Chandrayaan-3 scientific data

The Chandrayaan-3 data sets are available on Policy-based data Retrieval, Analytics, Dissemination and Notification System (PRADAN) portal of ISSDC - www.pradan.issdc.gov.in.

NEW DELHI: The ISRO on Friday threw open its scientific data gathered from the Chandrayaan-3 mission for researchers across the world for analyses to mark the first anniversary of India landing a

spacecraft on the Moon. The space agency has granted access to over 55 gigabytes of data from the five payloads - three on the Vikram lander and two on the Pragyan rover - that created history on August 23 last year by making a soft landing near the unexplored south pole region of the Moon.

"This data is not going to be confined with those scientists who have created those instruments, but it will be made available to all the researchers of the country and the world for furthering the outcome of this," ISRO Chairman S Somanath said at the National Space Day celebrations here.

Karnataka Bank advertisement with branch details for Raigarh and contact information.

Locker Break Open Public Notice from Karnataka Bank, Raigarh branch, detailing the process for locker access.

Table with 8 columns: Sl. No., Date on which Locker availed, Locker Size and Number, Balance of Locker Rent, Name and Address of Locker Hirer. Lists 8 lockers with their respective details.

Girl gangraped in Assam, massive protests on streets

Press Trust Of India

The girl was allegedly assaulted and raped by three persons while she was returning home from her tuition on her bicycle.

GUWAHATI: A 14-year-old girl was allegedly gangraped by three persons in Assam's Nagaon dis-

trict, triggering massive protests by people on the streets. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma promised that stern action would be taken against the perpetrators.

The girl was allegedly assaulted and raped by three persons while she was returning home from her tuition on her bicycle in Dhing area around 8 pm on Thursday, police said. Three persons came

on a motorcycle and surrounded the girl, who was then allegedly raped by them and left in an injured and unconscious state on the roadside near a pond. The class 10 student was later rescued by locals, who informed the police. She was initially taken to a health centre in Dhing and later shifted to a hospital in Nagaon for treatment and medical examination.

State Bank of India Demand Notice for a borrower who has defaulted on a loan. Includes details of the borrower, the property, and the amount due.

'Close down dance bars'

Press Trust Of India

BHUBANESWAR: Amid demands for his resignation following the recent liquor-related deaths in Ganjam district, Odisha Excise Minister Prithviraj Harichandan on Friday said the government is considering a complete ban on dance bars throughout the state.

Speaking to reporters outside the Assembly after a debate on the Ganjam liquor deaths, Harichandan said, "The government is contemplating closing all dance bars as they conflict with our Odia 'Asmita' (cultural pride).

The presence of women dancing in these bars does not align with our culture and tradition." His remark follows recent

appeals from former dance bar workers in Bhubaneswar, who requested the government to reinstate permits for licensed foreign liquor shops to host dance performances.

The ruling BJP had previously criticised the previous BJD government for undermining Odia culture by giving licenses to dance bars in Bhubaneswar.

Harichandan also outlined plans for the upcoming excise policy, which will align with 'Odia Asmita'.

He said liquor shops will be prohibited near religious institutions, schools, and colleges.

NMDC Limited advertisement for a tender in the Contracts Department, detailing the project and bidding process.

Home First Finance Company India Limited advertisement for a possession notice regarding a mortgage.

NAME CHANGE

It is inform to the general public that my old name Devashis Sinha S/o Amlendu Narayan Sinha Residence: Plot No. 6, Phase-1, VIP City Colony, Rajiv vihar, Lingiyadih Bilaspur C.G. have changed so in future I should be recognised by my new name Debashis Sinha S/o Amlendu Narayan Sinha in all Government and other documents.

Regards Debashis Sinha S/o Amlendu Narayan Sinha Residence: Plot No. 6, Phase-1, VIP City Colony, Rajiv vihar, Lingiyadih Bilaspur C.G.

Home First Finance Company India Limited advertisement for an e-auction sale of immovable properties, including details of the properties and the auction process.



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"Time is more valuable than money. You can get more money, but you cannot get more time."

[Jim Rohn]

Comment

Policy reversals under Modi: Focus on Lateral Entry and Farm Laws

| OUR VIEW |

Women's safety at work: Urgent reforms needed

The tragic incident in Kolkata serves as a stark reminder of the ongoing vulnerability and insecurity faced by working women in India. Despite decades of legal frameworks aimed at safeguarding women, such as the Vishaka Guidelines established in 1997 and the subsequent enactment of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act in 2013, these laws have often fallen short of their intended impact. The Supreme Court's recent directive to institutionalize the safety of medical professionals is a much-needed step, but it also raises a broader question: why has women's safety at work remained so elusive? The creation of a National Task Force, as mandated by the Supreme Court, to address the safety, working conditions, and well-being of medical professionals is a positive move. However, its effectiveness will depend on the commitment and coordination of all stakeholders involved. It's imperative that the recommendations of this task force extend beyond the medical field, setting a precedent for improving the security of women across all professions. One of the critical failures highlighted by the Supreme Court is the inadequate implementation of the laws designed to protect women. The Sexual Harassment Act, for instance, has been plagued by 'serious lapses' and 'uncertainty' in its enforcement, rendering it largely ineffective. Similarly, the Nirbhaya Fund, which was established to support initiatives for women's safety, has often been mismanaged, with a significant portion of the funds underutilized or misused. The disappointing results, such as the mere 9 percent reduction in reported rape cases despite considerable expenditure, underscore the need for more stringent oversight and accountability. For any new initiative to succeed, these systemic issues must be addressed. Women's safety cannot be ensured by legislation alone; it requires a cultural shift, stringent enforcement, and, crucially, holding those in positions of power accountable for their failures. The safety and dignity of women in the workplace are non-negotiable, and it is high time that these principles are upheld with the seriousness they deserve.

| GUEST VIEW |

Humanity calls for compassion in euthanasia cases

The Supreme Court's refusal to allow passive euthanasia for a 30-year-old man in a vegetative state raises profound questions about compassion in our legal system. Despite battling immense financial and emotional strain, the elderly parents of the patient—who has been unresponsive for 11 years—are left with no relief. The court's decision, emphasizing that removing a Ryles tube doesn't constitute euthanasia, directs the government to find a long-term care solution. However, one must wonder if the law could be more compassionate in such cases, where the suffering of both the patient and the caregivers is immense. As the couple continues to deplete their savings, the government must urgently explore institutional care options. It's crucial to recognize that the ongoing stress and financial burden on the parents may have dire consequences for their own health and well-being. The legal system should consider the broader human impact and work towards providing not just legal, but also compassionate, solutions for such heart-wrenching situations. One hopes that a permanent, humane solution will soon be provided to ease their unimaginable pain.



BK Chatterjee

The safety of women in India is increasingly critical, with daily reports of harassment across the country. Incidents similar to the one in Kolkata are occurring in Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, UP, and beyond. Unfortunately, political parties are focused on blame games instead of finding real solutions. It's vital that all citizens, not just politicians, take responsibility for addressing this issue. Lawmakers must enact and enforce stringent laws, including capital punishment, to deter such crimes and ensure the safety and dignity of women.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Indian government has pursued ambitious reforms across various sectors, aiming to modernize and transform the nation's governance. However, despite its strong mandate and reformist agenda, the administration has faced significant challenges, leading to notable policy reversals. Two prominent examples of such reversals include the rollback of the lateral entry initiative and the repeal of the controversial farm laws. These instances highlight the complexities of governance in India, where even well-intentioned reforms can encounter substantial opposition, necessitating reconsideration and adjustment.

Lateral Entry Program: A retreat in governance

The lateral entry program was introduced with the goal of bringing fresh talent and expertise into the Indian bureaucracy. By allowing professionals from various sectors to fill senior positions in government departments, the initiative aimed to enhance efficiency and modernize the civil service. However,

the program faced significant resistance from both the bureaucratic establishment and political circles.

Critics argued that the lateral entry program undermined the traditional recruitment process and bypassed the seniority principle, a cornerstone of the Indian administrative system. Concerns were also raised about the potential for favoritism and lack of accountability with these external appointments. Facing mounting opposition from within the civil services and growing political pressure from opposition parties, the Modi government ultimately decided to shelve the program. This retreat underscores the challenges of implementing reforms in a complex and deeply entrenched bureaucratic system, where changes are often met with resistance from various stakeholders.

Farm Laws: A major policy u-turn

Another significant policy reversal under the Modi government involved the farm laws passed by Parliament in 2020. These laws were designed to deregulate

produce markets and provide farmers with more options to sell their crops, ostensibly to create a more efficient agricultural sector. However, the legislation sparked widespread opposition from farmers' unions and opposition parties, who argued that the reforms favored large corporations over small farmers and threatened the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system.

The protests against the farm laws, particularly from farmers in Haryana and Punjab, led to a prolonged and highly visible agitation at the borders of Delhi. The movement garnered unprecedented solidarity across various segments of society and drew significant international attention. Despite initial resistance, the Modi government eventually announced the withdrawal of the farm laws in November 2021. This decision reflected the administration's recognition of the deep-rooted dissent and its willingness to reconsider policies in the face of sustained opposition.

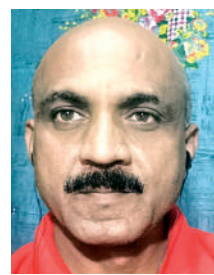
Other notable retreats

The Modi government has also experienced reversals in other areas, such as the pro-

posed uniform civil code which faced resistance from various quarters, leading to a scaling back of proposals. Similarly, the government's approach to environmental regulations and labor laws has seen modifications in response to domestic and international pressures. Even in road safety, a critical issue given India's high accident rates, the government had to roll back stringent penalties and provisions due to pressure from drivers' lobbies backed by political forces.

Conclusion

These policy reversals illustrate the challenges of governance in India's diverse and democratic landscape. The dynamics of Indian politics, characterized by vocal interest groups and strong opposition, often compel even the most resolute governments to reconsider their positions. For the Modi government, these experiences underscore the need to balance reformist ambitions with the complexities of democratic governance, ensuring that necessary changes are communicated effectively and implemented with broad-based support.



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Slavery: The scourge of the modern world

Modern slavery, a pervasive and insidious reality, continues to exploit millions worldwide through forced labor, human trafficking, and child labor, demanding urgent global action and awareness. *by Dr. Ganapathi Bhat*



The picture visually represents the somber reality of forced labor, exploitation, and human trafficking.

"I freed a thousand slaves.

I could have freed more if only they knew they were slaves." These poignant words by American abolitionist Harriet Tubman resonate deeply, even in today's context. Although Tubman spoke at the end of the 19th century, her insight remains strikingly relevant, as modern forms of slavery continue to plague societies across the globe. The fight against slavery is far from over, and in many ways, the chains have simply taken new forms.

Modern Slavery: A Hidden Crisis

Modern slavery manifests in various forms, some more insidious and hidden than others. Human trafficking, bonded labor, and forced marriages are direct and explicit examples of contemporary slavery. These practices strip individuals of their freedom, forcing them into lives of exploitation and abuse. Yet, modern slavery extends beyond these obvious cases. Activities such as domestic work, construction, and sexual exploitation often fall under the umbrella of forced labor, where individuals are coerced or deceived into working under harsh, inhumane conditions with little or no pay. Child labor is perhaps the most heartbreaking manifestation of modern slavery. The International Labour

Organisation (ILO) has identified approximately 25 million people worldwide as victims of modern slavery, and a significant portion of these victims are children. Forced into labor at a young age, these children are deprived of their right to education, health, and a future. They are trapped in a cycle of poverty and exploitation, often with no means of escape. The plight of these children serves as a stark reminder that the fight against slavery is far from won.

Vulnerability and Exploitation

One of the most vulnerable groups to modern slavery is migrant workers. Lured by the promise of better oppor-

tunities, many migrants find themselves in unfamiliar environments where they do not speak the local language or understand the local customs. This makes them easy targets for traffickers and exploitative employers who take advantage of their vulnerability. The ILO has specifically highlighted the risks faced by migrant workers, emphasizing the need for stronger protections and awareness to prevent exploitation.

The famous quote by American thinker Frederick Douglass, "Knowledge makes a man unfit to be a slave," rings true in the context of modern slavery. Education and awareness are powerful tools in the fight against

exploitation. By educating vulnerable populations about their rights and providing them with the resources to protect themselves, we can make significant strides in combating modern slavery. However, this requires concerted efforts from governments, non-governmental organizations, and civil society as a whole.

Global Efforts and the Path Forward

The global community has recognized the need to address modern slavery. To take stock of progress and renew commitments, the "International Day for the Abolition of the Slave Trade" is observed on August 23 each year. This day serves as

a reminder of the ongoing struggle against slavery in all its forms and the importance of international cooperation in this fight.

The United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights unequivocally states, "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms." This declaration is a powerful statement of intent, but it must be matched with action. Governments must strengthen laws and enforcement mechanisms to protect vulnerable populations. At the same time, civil society must continue to raise awareness and provide support to victims of modern slavery.

Conclusion

As we reflect on the words of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, we are reminded that the fight against slavery is ongoing. Modern slavery may not always be visible, but it is a very real and pervasive problem that affects millions of people worldwide. By working together—governments, organizations, and individuals—we can help to eradicate this scourge and ensure that the rights and dignity of every human being are upheld. It is our collective responsibility to bring an end to slavery in all its forms and to create a world where freedom is a reality for all.

YOUR LETTERS

Government buckles under pressure

The Modi government's withdrawal of the lateral entry circular for hiring 45 specialists indicates increasing pressure from political opponents and allies. Fearing electoral backlash, the move seems a retreat from crucial reforms aimed at enhancing bureaucratic efficiency. The government's decision appears to be a compromise driven by opposition tactics, highlighting the challenges it faces in implementing policies without sparking controversy in an increasingly polarized political environment.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Women's Safety: A National Priority

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Hassan Khan Isha'ati, Sitamarhi, Bihar

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Nagendra Nath Sinha,
Former steel secretary.

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SEBI BAN

Sebi bans Anil Ambani, 24 other entities from securities mkt for 5-yr

NEW DELHI: Markets regulator Sebi has barred industrialist Anil Ambani, 24 other entities, including former key officials of Reliance Home Finance from the securities market for five years for diversion of funds from the company. Sebi has imposed a penalty of Rs 25 crore on Ambani and restrained him from being associated with the securities market including as a director or Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) in any listed company, or any intermediary registered with the market regulator, for a period of 5 years.

Also, the regulator barred Reliance Home Finance from the securities market for six months and slapped a fine of Rs 6 lakh on it. In its 222-page final order, Sebi found that Anil Ambani, with the help of RHFL's key managerial personnel, had orchestrated a fraudulent scheme to siphon-off funds from RHFL by disguising them as loans to entities linked to him.

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	% chg
Sensex	81,086.21	+0.04
Nifty	24,823.15	+0.05
Nifty, MidCap	58,555.30	-0.49
Nifty SmallCap	19,079.25	-0.11
Nifty Bank	50,933.45	-0.10

Closing rates as on August 23, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.82 (-)
Euro	93.59 (+)
Chinese Yuan	11.74 (-)
UAE Dirham	22.82 (-)
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)

On August 23, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	41,095.19	+1.83%
FTSE 100 Index	8,306.22	+0.22%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,364.27	+0.40%
CSI 300 (CHN)300:	3,327.19	+0.42%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 23, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Stock markets marginally up in volatile trade ahead of US Fed chief speech



MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex and Nifty edged up in volatile trade on Friday following buying in blue-chip stocks such as ICICI Bank and Bharti Airtel amid mixed global trends ahead of the US Fed chair's speech at Jackson Hole Symposium.

Rising for the fourth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 33.02 points or 0.04 per cent higher at 81,086.21. In early trade, the benchmark declined 169.93 points or 0.20 per cent to a low of 80,883.26. Later, it bounced back 178.3 points or 0.21 per cent to hit a high of 81,231.49 but gave up gains towards the end.

The NSE Nifty edged up 11.65 points or 0.05 per cent to close at 24,823.15 registering gains for the seventh session

in a row. "Ahead of the FED chair Powell's speech, the Indian indices oscillated around the flat trajectory and mixed global market sentiments further catalysed this scenario," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. Investors are exercising caution and awaiting Powell's signals for more insights on the interest rate path, Nair added. European markets were trading with significant gains in the mid-session deals while Asian markets were mixed.

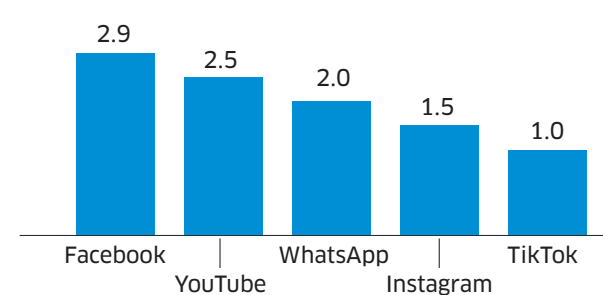
Major Gainers: Tata Motors, Sun Pharmaceutical, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finserv, ICICI Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra and JSW Steel

Major Losers: Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, Asian Paints, Titan, Infosys, SBI, TCS and HDFC Bank.

The Day's NUMBERS

(in Billions)

TOP SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS BY MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS IN 2022



NEW LAUNCH

Z6III revolutionizes imaging with introduction of World's first partially-stacked sensor

MUMBAI: Nikon India Private Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Nikon Corporation, showcased the highly anticipated Z6III at Raipur. Nikon India reinforces its commitment to full-frame mirrorless camera portfolio that is set to redefine the art of videography as well as photography. Inheriting features from the Z9 and Z8 models like in-camera RAW and N-Log videos and EXPED 7 processor delivering high-performance and industry leading specifications. Z6III is equipped with world's first-ever partially-stacked CMOS sensor and superior Auto Focus capability for an exceptional performance and is ready to outperform. Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Sajjan Kumar, Managing Director of Nikon India Pvt. Ltd. said "We are thrilled to showcase the Z6III, a high-performance full-frame mid-segment camera that inherits the spirit of innovation from our esteemed Z8 and Z9 models.

ACQUISITION

Birla Fertility & IVF acquisition of Baby Science IVF

MUMBAI: A company of CK Birla Group (\$3 billion) and India's third largest I.V.I.F Network Birla Fertility & IVF has strengthened its presence in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu with the acquisition of Baby Science IVF Clinics.

The acquisition is a major step in Birla Fertility & IVF's strategic expansion plan involving an investment of over Rs 500 crore. The move comes within three months of Birla Fertility & IVF acquiring the ARMC IVF chain in Kerala. Speaking on the occasion, Avanti Birla, Founder, Birla Fertility & IVF said, "At Birla Fertility & IVF, we combine care with the science of conception.



FM Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates the GST Bhawan in the presence of MPs Manna Lal Rawat and Chunnill Garasiya and Central Board of Indirect Taxes Chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal in Udaipur.

MSME important in realising vision of 2047: Sitharaman

FM also informed that dialogue programmes are planned to be conducted with 250 MSME clusters across the country, starting today with the Marble Cluster in Udaipur.

Press Trust Of India

UDAIPUR: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said micro, small and medium industries will play an important role in realising the vision to transform India into a developed nation by 2047. Therefore, she said, they have been given special priority in the Union Budget. The finance minister was addressing the

discussion programme with MSME marble cluster units in Udaipur on Thursday evening. "The participation of MSME is important in realising the vision of 2047.

Therefore, it has been given expert priority in the budget," she said. She also informed that dialogue programmes are planned to be conducted with 250 MSME clusters across the country, starting today with the Marble

NUMBER

250

● SIDBI is now providing loans directly to micro industries.

● MSME sector has a major contribution to eliminating unemployment.

Cluster in Udaipur. The minister also said it is

necessary to discuss with stakeholders to understand the needs of the MSME industry of the Mewar region.

Sitharaman said that Small Industries Development Bank (SIDBI) is now providing loans directly to micro industries, which is a matter of great relief. With this, convenient loans will be easily available to micro industries. MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi said

the MSME sector has a major contribution to eliminating unemployment. "Micro and small industries are the backbone of India's economy, which contributes 30 per cent to the country's economy and provides employment to 20 crore people," he added.

He said that while the rate of global economic progress is 3.2 per cent, India is growing at 7 per cent.

| NO CHALLENGES |

Lower deposit growth not a challenge: Dinesh Khara

Press Trust Of India

The bank is unwinding a part of its excess investments in govt securities.

MUMBAI: Amid concerns over the continuing gap between deposit and loan growth, SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara on Friday said it is not posing any challenges for the country's largest lender as it is able to support the uptick in advances. The bank is unwinding a part of its excess investments in government securities to arrange the required resources to support the loan growth, Khara told reporters here. It can be noted that for nearly two years, the deposit growth is trailing the credit expansion for the banking system, and SBI has also been seeing the same trends in



SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara.

FACTFILE

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its business. Some experts have been opining that this is due to flow of savings into higher yielding capital market alternatives, while some like SBI's own researchers also called

the concerns a "statistical myth", saying the overall quantum of incremental deposits has been higher than advances since FY22. Asked about how concerning the situation is at present, Khara said, "We are in a position to support our loan book growth well. So, I think so long as we can support the loan book growth well, I don't think that we do have a challenge." To a question on what should the depositors

expect from a rates perspective, Khara explained the bank's strategy on resource mobilisation, pointing out that there is little reliance on rates.

He said the bank has an investment book of over Rs 16 lakh crore, and is unwinding a part of the excess SLR (statutory liquidity ratio) to support the loan growth. The Chairman, who retires later this month, also made it clear that it is ensuring that the returns on the funds are higher in lending than the yields on investments. To a question on the report by economists, he explained that it tried to capture the time series over a period of time and added that a similar situation existed even in 2003-04. Going by the past experience, it is suggested that there will be a convergence of deposit and credit growth only by June-September 2025, he added.

| AUDITING LISTED COS |

Sebi asks CAs to be 'careful' while auditing listed SMEs

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MUMBAI: Sebi's whole-time member Ashwani Bhatia on Friday asked chartered accountants to be more diligent while auditing companies listed on the SME exchange platforms. Addressing an industry event of CAs, Bhatia said it is important to look at the listed SMEs (Small and medium-sized

enterprises) in a more careful way because the same companies will grow to be a part of the main board in the future. "We have seen some challenges there (SME platform). We request you to be extra careful as far as SME IPOs and fundraising are concerned because these small companies will become much, much bigger going forward,"



the banker-turned-capital markets regulator said. Bhatia expressed satis-

faction with the progress of the SME platform, stating that Rs 14,000 crore has been raised by such entities, with Rs 6,000 crore being raised in FY24 alone. He compared the CAs to "doctors", and added that they act as first-level regulators by ensuring orderly conduct of companies. Bhatia said many Sebi investigations and orders, which take

over a year to complete, may not be necessary at all if the CAs had done their work more diligently.

It can be noted that in March this year, Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch had flagged concerns around "price manipulation" in the SME platform listings and trading, and asked investors to be cautious.

"I am like, what is this? They have a problem with what you wear, what you don't wear or whether your hair is done properly or not. I guess that is what it comes with."

Patralekhaa
Actress



& Glitters

CLOSE UP

Why women-centric films still lag behind: Taapsee Pannu's insights

Taapsee Pannu discusses the challenges faced by women-centric films in Bollywood, citing increased judgment and lower box office returns compared to male-driven movies.

Central Chronicle News

"Actors are believed to have low IQ and people think that they hardly know anything, especially if it is a woman. Then they think, how dare you have an opinion."

Taapsee Pannu, celebrated for her roles in Pink, Thappad, and Mulk, recently shared her insights on the challenges faced by women-centric films in Bollywood. In an exclusive interview with ANI, Taapsee discussed why these films often struggle at the box office compared to their male-driven counterparts. She pointed out that women-centric films face additional scrutiny because they represent a shift from traditional narratives. "What women are doing is always going to be subjected to more judgment because it's relatively new," Taapsee explained. "If it were as common as the male-centric stories—like the man being the breadwinner—it would be normalized." This change from patriarchal norms to more nuanced female perspectives is still resisted, impacting box office performance and leading to smaller pay checks for women-led projects.



Taapsee Pannu recently starred in Khel Khel Mein with Akshay Kumar.



A new era of cinema: The rise of women-led films

Optimistically, Taapsee believes there's potential for women-driven films to explore humour and flair, which are typically seen in male-centric movies. "We need to devise ways to create those cracks

in the system," she said. Currently, Taapsee stars in Khel Khel Mein, released on August 15. Directed by Mudassar Aziz and produced by Bhushan Kumar, the film features a notable ensemble cast including Akshay Kumar and Ammy Virk.



O.T.T Watch



A side-splitting adventure with the Laughter Chefs

Laughter Chefs' RakshaBandhan special features contestants making edible rakhi. The new promo highlights Krushna Abhishek and Kashmera Shah's unique rakhi, with Chef Harpal Sokhi's challenge leading to amusing moments.



Fans devastated as My Lady Jane gets the axe

Prime Video has cancelled My Lady Jane after its June 27, 2024 debut. Despite positive reviews and a 94% Rotten Tomatoes rating, the show's low viewership and failure to make Nielsen's Top 10 led to its cancellation.



28 Years Later: Murphy's back

Director Danny Boyle returns with 28 Years Later, the highly anticipated sequel to the early 2000s horror hits. Reuniting old and new faces, including Cillian Murphy, the film is set for a June 2025 release.



A thrilling escape: Kandahar Hijack set for release

The trailer for Vijay Varma's upcoming Netflix series IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack has been released, showcasing the tense 1999 hijacking of an Indian plane by Pakistani militants. The series premieres on August 29.



Beyond the stereotypes: Swati Shah's complex role

Swati Shah, portraying Kadambari in Pyaar Ka Pehla Naam Radha Mohan, opens up about the challenge of acting as a wheelchair-bound character. The show promises intense drama and twists. Aired on Zee TV.

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BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Satyadeep Misra digs deeper in Tanaav season 2

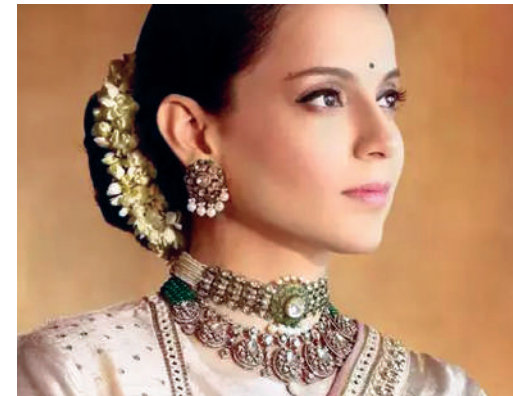
Actor Satyadeep Misra is gearing up for the release of Tanaav Season 2, where his role deepens the show's narrative and heightens the stakes. The series, an Indian adaptation of the Israeli show Fauda, is set in Kashmir and explores themes of bravery, deception, and conflict. In this season, the Special Task Group faces a new threat from Al-Damishq, a vengeful young man. Satyadeep noted that the second season amplifies the intensity of the first, with dramatic twists that keep viewers on edge. Tanaav 2 will premiere on Sony LIV on September 6, featuring a strong ensemble cast.

Music

Dhvani Bhanushali debuts in Kahan Shuru Kahan Khatam



Pop sensation Dhvani Bhanushali is making a major leap from music to acting with her Bollywood debut in Kahan Shuru Kahan Khatam. Scheduled for release on September 20, 2024, this film marks a significant milestone for the singer. Directed by Saubh Dasgupta, known for his engaging storytelling, and produced by Laxman Utekar, who has directed hits like Luka Chuppi and Mimi, the film promises to be a major event. Dhvani, alongside Aashim Gulati, will bring a fresh dynamic to the screen. The film also features a notable cast including Supriya Pilgaonkar, Rakesh Bedi, and Sonali Sachdev.



Fashion

Kangana's vintage charm at emergency event

Kangana Ranaut recently wowed fans with her retro-inspired look for the promotions of her upcoming film Emergency. She shared photos on Instagram showcasing her elegant ensemble: a floral saree in pink and green hues on an ivory base, adorned with checkered borders. Kangana styled the saree traditionally, with the pallu draped over her shoulder. She paired it with a red and white checkered blouse featuring a colored neckline, faux pockets, and a cropped, gathered hem.

Trending on Insta

@manushichhillar

Manushi Chhillar shares vanity selfies and bhelpuri treat

Actress Manushi Chhillar shared a series of mirror selfies on Instagram, showcasing her many moods from her vanity van. She wrapped it up with a snap of herself enjoying her favourite Mumbai snack, bhelpuri.



| KRISHNA'S JOYFUL REMINISCENCE |

Actors relive Janmashtami magic & memories

Central Chronicle News

HIGHLIGHT

Star Bharat actors celebrate Janmashtami, sharing childhood memories, divine teachings, and festive plans.

As Janmashtami approaches, the air is filled with excitement and devotion as Lord Krishna's blessings and divine energy are anticipated. Celebrities from Star Bharat are reminiscing about their cherished childhood memories and sharing their plans for celebrating this special occasion. They recall delightful stories of their favorite dishes and the thrill of participating in Dahi Handi competitions, evoking joyful memories that capture the essence of Janmashtami.

Aayushi reflects on the deep spiritual significance of Janmashtami in her life: "Janmashtami holds profound spiritual importance

for me, serving as a beautiful reminder of the divine love and wisdom of Lord Krishna. This special day encourages me to reflect on his teachings and inspires me to strive to become a better person. This year, I plan to celebrate by attending a puja at my local temple, fully immersing myself in the festivities. I also look forward to preparing traditional delicacies like makkhan and mishri, which add a delicious touch to the celebra-



Aayushi embraces Janmashtami traditions, reflecting on divine teachings and preparing festive delicacies.

tion and connect me to the customs and culture surrounding this auspicious day."

Siddhant shares his plans for the celebration: "Having grown up in Mumbai, Janmashtami is celebrated on a grand scale, and the excitement and devotion fill the air. One of the most exhilarating experiences was competing to break the handi. I've bruised my knees and elbows multiple times in the attempt, but that was the most fun part! Janmashtami remains one of my favorite and most memorable times of childhood, overflowing with joy and happiness."



Lifestyle

IMPACT OF QUITTING SMOKING

Clearing the Air: The positive impact of quitting smoking

With smoking causing millions of deaths each year, it's high time to think about your health and quitting smoking at the earliest.



Tobacco kills 8 million people yearly, increasing risks of heart disease and cancer.



HIGHLIGHT

● Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your heart. The effects begin soon after you stop smoking, though they are impacted by how long you have been a smoker before quitting.

disease is cut in half compared to that of a smoker. These are not just numbers; they reflect real, significant improvements in your health.

If you're ready to quit, you don't have to go through it alone. There are numerous resources available to support you, including counselling services, quit lines, and smartphone apps designed to help track your progress and provide motivation.

Each smoke-free day you complete brings you closer to a healthier heart and a better quality of life. Taking the step to quit smoking is a powerful move toward protecting your heart and overall well-being. Start today every day without smoking is a victory for your heart and future health.

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TRENDING PERSONAL-TECH

Retimer 3 - Kickstart the Sleep Revolution

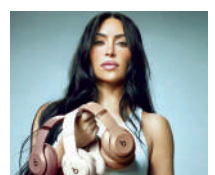
About: The Retimer 3 is a sophisticated wearable designed to optimize sleep by aligning your circadian rhythm with your lifestyle. Its sleek, comfortable design, coupled with integration into health apps, helps tackle sleep-related challenges effortlessly.



Key Features: Advanced blue-green light therapy improves sleep quality and regulates circadian rhythms; integrates with Apple Health and Android Health Connect for seamless tracking; ergonomic design ensures comfort during wear; helps with issues like jet lag, irregular sleep patterns, and waking difficulties; counteracts the effects of excessive artificial blue light from screens.

Beats Studio Pro x Kim Kardashian

About: The Beats Studio Pro x Kim Kardashian delivers exceptional sound with BEATS' custom acoustic platform, perfect for music and calls.



Key Features: Rich, immersive audio with lossless quality via USB-C and three sound profiles; two listening modes: fully-adaptive Active Noise Cancelling (ANC) and Transparency mode; seamless compatibility with one-touch pairing and features for Apple and Android; AppleCare+ provides unlimited repairs for accidental damage, hardware, and battery, with automatic digital activation upon delivery; includes email proof of coverage and 24/7 tech support.

Ulitenic Cordless Vacuum Cleaner

About: The Ulitenic Cordless Vacuum Cleaner delivers powerful cleaning performance with 500W of high power and 35kpa suction. It efficiently tackles dust, debris, and pet hair across various surfaces.



Key Features: Super powerful suction with 500W and 35kpa; 60-minute runtime with a removable battery and wall-mounted charging for convenience; GreenEye Technology with a roller brush that uses green light to reveal hidden dust; 180° bendable wand for easy cleaning under furniture; anti-tangle brush to prevent hair wrap and reduce maintenance; advanced 6-layer filtration system captures 99.99% of fine dust for cleaner air.

Oclean X Ultra S

About: The Oclean X Ultra S is a cutting-edge smart sonic electric toothbrush featuring a smart touchscreen for tracking and instant feedback on brushing performance.



Key Features: Real-time AI voice guide for personalized brushing instructions; smart touchscreen provides instant feedback on brushing areas; 3X Cleaning Maglev 3.0 technology for consistent power; FlexFit Tech brush head for enhanced comfort; 5 modes plus customizable options; mold-resistant nano coating with a Starlight design; up to 40 days of battery life for extended use.

Belkin BoostCharge Wireless Car Charge

About: The Belkin BoostCharge Pro Wireless Car Charger is designed for MagSafe-compatible iPhone 12 and newer models, offering a seamless and efficient charging experience.



Key Features: Fast charging with up to 15W power and official MagSafe technology; easy one-handed alignment with a powerful MagSafe connection and high-quality vent mount; supports viewing your phone in any orientation for optimal access to charging, talking, and navigation; convenient cable management with a strap and rear cable holder; elegant, slim profile that complements your iPhone.

Capsule Personal Dishwasher 2.0

About: The Capsule Personal Dishwasher 2.0 is the world's smallest and fastest dishwasher, designed to fit seamlessly on your countertop and make daily cleanup easy.



Key Features: 15-minute wash program for quick cleaning, eco-friendly with only 2.6 liters of water and 0.17 kWh per cycle, adjustable FlipTray for accommodating large kitchenware, durable stainless steel tub for faster drying, portable with no plumbing required, and fruit wash program for gentle cleaning of delicate items.

HEALTH

Palm Oil: Friend or foe in your diet?

Palm oil is a staple in many processed foods, from snacks to baked goods, valued for its versatility and long shelf life. Sourced from the fruit of the oil palm tree, it boasts a balanced blend of saturated and unsaturated fats, making it a stable choice for cooking.

It's also rich in vitamins A and E, which promote healthy vision and skin. However, due to its high saturated fat content, moderation is crucial. Opting for sustainably sourced palm oil can mitigate environmental impact and ensure you're making a more eco-friendly choice. Understanding palm oil's role helps you make informed decisions about your diet and health.



TRAVEL

The Mystique of Kainchi Dham: A spiritual journey



Kainchi Dham, nestled in the serene hills of Uttarakhand, has become a social media sensation, drawing spiritual seekers and nature enthusiasts alike. Known for its breathtaking landscapes and tranquil atmosphere, this sacred site is renowned for its ashram founded by Neem Karoli Baba. Visitors flock to Kainchi Dham to experience its peaceful vibes, vibrant local culture, and the stunning views of the Kumaon hills. The site's growing presence on social media showcases its charm through picturesque images and uplifting stories, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking both spiritual solace and natural beauty. Explore Kainchi Dham and see why it's trending!

| LIFESTYLE |

The ethical appeal: Why Gen Z loves linen and khadi

Central Chronicle News

Linen and khadi are capturing Gen Z's attention, offering a stylish and responsible alternative to fast fashion.



HIGHLIGHT

● Khadi comes in hues that are extremely soothing to the eyes and another specific reason why khadi is a favourite among youngsters is the luxe feel the fabric offers.

requiring less water and fewer chemicals in its production. Its airy and relaxed look makes it ideal for warm weather, perfectly matching Gen Z's preference for laid-back yet stylish apparel. Linen's natural, textured finish provides a chic

touch to everyday outfits, making it a staple in summer wardrobes. Khadi, a traditional fabric from India, is also gaining significant traction among young fashion enthusiasts. This handwoven fabric, available in cotton, silk, or wool, boasts a

Nothing better than a homegrown fabric like khadi to define the Indian millennial.

distinctive texture and rich patterns that make each piece unique. Khadi is more than just a fashion choice; it supports local artisans and upholds sustainable practices, which resonate deeply with Gen Z's values of ethical consumption and cultural appreciation. The fabric's historical significance and artisanal craftsmanship offer a meaningful alternative to mass-produced fashion. The growing popularity of linen and khadi highlights a shift in fashion priorities, with a focus on sustainability and authenticity.



Sports



We always laugh and joke between me and Mitch (Marsh) about who bowls those graveyard overs between the 70th and the 80th overs.

Cameron Green
Australian cricketer

Neeraj finishes second in Lausanne Diamond League

Neeraj Chopra finishes second at Lausanne Diamond League with season-best throw of 89.49m, overcoming fitness concerns and securing vital points in series standings.

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With seven points from Thursday's second-place finish, Chopra is joint third alongside Weber in Diamond League standings with 15 points.

MUMBAI: Lausanne: Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Diamond League here after producing a season's best effort of 89.49m from his last attempt in a gritty performance despite lingering fitness concerns.

The 26-year-old was at the fourth spot till the fourth round before sending his spear to 85.58m in his fifth attempt. He saved the best for the last and his final attempt measured 89.49m on Thursday, a marginal improvement on the 89.45m achieved in the Paris Olympics a few days ago.

He was in danger of missing the sixth throw but his fifth round effort of 85.58m saved him. Only the top three after five rounds get their respective final attempts.

Two-time world champion and Paris Olympics bronze-medallist Anderson Peters of Grenada won the event with a monster throw of 90.61m in the second round



HIGHLIGHT

● **Chopra claimed a silver in the Paris Olympics adding to his historic gold in the Tokyo edition**

● **Anderson Peters wins Lausanne Diamond League with 90.61m, Chopra claims second with 89.49m.**

while Julian Weber of Germany took the third spot with 87.08m.

"The feeling wasn't great at first, but I am happy with my throw, especially the second (career) best throw on my last attempt. It was a tough start, but the comeback was really nice and I enjoyed the fighting spirit I showed," Chopra said after the event.

"Even though my

early throws were around 80-83m, I pushed hard in the last two attempts finishing strong. Competing at this high level, it's important to stay mentally tough and fight through."

Peters, who had struggled to find form last year, led the competition here from beginning to end and he stamped his class with the 90m-plus throw in the last round.

He has a personal best of 93.07m achieved in 2022.

With seven points from Thursday's second-place finish, Chopra is joint third alongside Weber in Diamond League standings with 15 points. Peters jumped to top spot with 21 points.

Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch, who finished seventh (82.03m) on Thursday, is in second spot with 16 points.

Bradley leads BMW championship

CASTLE ROCK: Keegan Bradley went from a bundle of nerves waiting to see if he would advance in the PGA Tour postseason to a blissful day of birdies in mile-high air Thursday that led to a 6-under 66 and a one-shot lead in the BMW Championship. Bradley, the newly appointed U.S. Ryder Cup captain, was the last man to get in the 50-man field at Castle Pines and he had to sweat it out Sunday. He was in his hotel room with the TV going, the FedEx Cup standings on another screen and his phone buzzing. "One of the toughest afternoons of my PGA Tour career," Bradley said. "It was really brutal. It's such a relief to be here. I just felt a lot calmer today. But I played really, really well." It showed on a course that could dole out punishment without a moment's notice.

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Rodrigues believes WCPL experience will sharpen her focus for T20 World Cup challenges.

NEW DELHI: Star India batter Jemimah Rodrigues on Thursday said her maiden foray into women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL) will help her tackle pressure situations better in the upcoming T20 World Cup.

Rodrigues will appear for Trinbago Knight Riders in the WCPL, and they will face title holders Barbados Royals in their opening match on Friday. "Firstly, just to come out and play cricket because for me, that's

| CARIBBEAN PREMIER LEAGUE |

Rodrigues views WCPL as key T20 WC preparation



HIGHLIGHT

● **Rodrigues set to debut for Trinbago Knight Riders in WCPL opener.**

● **Shikha Pandey excited to reunite with Jhulan Goswami as mentor at TKR.**

how I see it before the (Women's) T20 World Cup (2024). I think these are the matches that I'm actually going to get as rest all will be my own preparation," Rodrigues said in an interaction organised by the Fan-code. "The more you're in that situation and in

those pressure moments, I think that's the best preparation you can have. So, for me, I look at it (WCPL) more as a preparation for the T20 World Cup," she added.

While the chat was largely centered around the WCPL, Rodrigues noted that she would try to perfect a few aspects of her batting ahead of the World Cup.

Veteran India pacer Shikha Pandey, who will also turn out for TKR, was delighted to see her old teammate Jhulan Goswami come on board as the Knight Riders' mentor. "I did feel that I'll be in an environment with her around also because of the WPL. So, this doesn't come in as a shocker that she's here."

| LAUSANNE GAMES |

Wanyonyi runs fourth-fastest 800m ever

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MANCHESTER: Lausanne: Olympic champion Emmanuel Wanyonyi ran the fourth-fastest 800 meters time in history Thursday at the first major track meet after the Paris Games.

Wanyonyi clocked 1 minute, 41.11 seconds – 0.08 faster than his winning time in Paris two

"I'm so happy to have run that crazy time here in Lausanne. I really loved the crowd here." Emmanuel Wanyonyi Olympic champion weeks ago – to tie Wilson Kipketer's mark in 1997 that was a world record then. Only Wanyonyi's fellow Kenyan David



Rudisha has run the 800 faster.

"I'm so happy to have run that crazy time here in Lausanne," Wanyonyi said. "I really loved the crowd here."

It was a fast early start to the storied Athletissima meet as the global Diamond League circuit resumed after a pause for the Olympics.

Jakob Ingebrigtsen

regained his authority in the men's 1,500 – after a shocking fourth place in Paris – to beat Olympic champion Cole Hocker by more than two seconds.

In the men's 200, Olympic champion Letisile Tebogo kept his form despite a return trip home to Botswana to win in 19.64 seconds easing into the line.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CRICKET

Sujal Singh's fiery fifty leads Riders to 7-wicket win over Superstarz

NEW DELHI: Opener Sujal Singh's whirlwind fifty propelled East Delhi Riders to a smooth seven-wicket win over the South Delhi Superstarz in the ongoing Delhi Premier League here on Thursday. Chasing 192, East Delhi Riders got off to a flying start as Sujal Singh (63 off 32 balls, 7x4, 3x6) tore apart the opposition bowlers. The Riders reached 193 for three in just 17.5 overs. In fact, Sujal made his fifty in just 19 balls. Anuj Rawat gave him good support with a quick 34 as the openers raised 86 runs and that made the task easier for the subsequent batters. Earlier, the Riders won the toss and elected to bowl first. For South Delhi Superstarz, captain Ayush Badoni and Priyansh Arya formed a 67-run partnership from 36 deliveries.

TENNIS

Top-seeded Beatriz Haddad Maia of Brazil reaches semifinals



CLEVELAND: Top-seeded Beatriz Haddad Maia of Brazil beat Clara Burel of France 6-2, 6-2 on Thursday to reach the semifinals in Tennis in the Land. Haddad Maia, ranked No. 23 in the world, has not lost a set in the first three rounds of the WTA 250 event at the Nautica Waterfront District. "Today was also a tough match, but I'm happy with the way I'm improving in the tournament," Haddad Maia said. "It feels good to be at a big tournament." **PTI**

Gauff's Humble Stardom

Coco Gauff's rising career hits a bump before she defends her first Grand Slam title

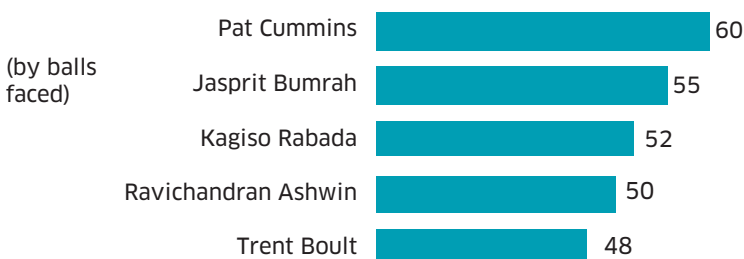


MUNICH: New York: Yes, Coco Gauff is a Grand Slam champion. Yes, she's been ranked No. 1 in doubles and No. 2 in singles. Yes, she's already a big star who transcends her sport and was a flag bearer alongside LeBron James at the Paris Olympics ... and has a signature shoe ... and is featured on Wheaties boxes and ... and ... and ... And yet, back in New York for Monday's start of the U.S. Open, which she won a year ago for her first major trophy – the first American teen to do so since Serena Williams in 1999 – Gauff still occasionally might sound like someone

who deals with impostor syndrome. Put simply: She does not quite understand what all the fuss is about. "I just thought I was nobody," Gauff said. "The whole flag bearer thing is still mind-blowing to me. Like, 'Why am I up there?'" Gauff was popular among other athletes at the Paris Olympics as she wandered around the athletes village. Gauff often was stopped by other Olympians hoping they could pose with her for a photo. "I'm like, Can I get a selfie with you, too? I just wasn't really expecting this," the Floridian said. "Maybe I just don't get it." **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP WICKET-TAKERS IN TEST CRICKET (2024)



WRESTLING

Four Indian women wrestlers become U17 world champions

AMMAN: In a sparkling show by India's women wrestlers at the Under-17 World Championships, four grapplers annexed the titles here on Thursday and at least two more are in gold medal contention. Aditi Kumari (43kg), Neha (57kg) and Pulkit (65kg) and Mansi Lather (73kg) won world titles in their respective categories with remarkable ease. Kajal (69kg) and Shrutika Shivaji Patil (46kg) will also compete in the gold medal bouts on Friday after making the finals. India can bag more medals as Raj Bala (40kg) will compete in the bronze play-off while Muskan (53kg), Rajnita (61kg) are still in contention for podium finishes by making the repechage round. India are now certain to win the women's team trophy despite not fielding a wrestler in the 49kg weight class. Aditi emerged champion in the 43kg, blanking Maria Louiza Gkika of Greece 7-0 in the title clash. **PTI**

TENNIS

Ons Jabeur withdraws from the US Open because of a shoulder injury



NEW YORK: Ons Jabeur, the 2022 U.S. Open women's runner-up, withdrew from this year's tournament because of a shoulder injury. Jabeur was to be the No. 17 seed in the tournament that begins Monday. The U.S. Tennis Association said Elise Mertens, the next-highest player eligible to be seeded, will become the No. 33 seed. Jabeur has struggled with injuries recently, pulling out of the hard-court tournament in Washington before losing to Naomi Osaka in her lone match in Montreal. **PTI**

Sports News

Avani Lekhara focuses on technique for Paralympics

Avani Lekhara, Indian para shooting star, reflects on her journey from overcoming a traumatic accident to preparing for Paris Paralympics.

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Avani Lekhara finds motivation in expectations as she prepares for Paris.

NEW DELHI: Avani Lekhara would have never taken up shooting if not for the persuasion of her parents two years after a catastrophic car mishap left her paralysed waist down and confined to a wheelchair at the age of 11. As the 22-year-old, who is one of the most recognisable faces in Indian para sport, embarks on a journey to win more medals for the county in rifle events at the Paris Paralympic Games, she thanked her family for giving meaning to her life at a time she was struggling to overcome the trauma.

Just six years after trying her hand at archery and then shooting at the Kendriya Vidyalaya No.3 in Jaipur during the summer vacations in 2015, Avani became the toast of the nation by winning India's first medals in shooting at the Tokyo Paralympics in SH1 category – 10m air rifle gold and 50m rifle 3-positions bronze. "Before the accident I was not into any sport and after that too I was not at all thinking about joining any sport. But my parents always thought that I need to do something other



HIGHLIGHT

• For Avani, the Tokyo success brought with it lots of expectations but the vivacious shooter.

• Healthy rivalry with Mona Agarwal fuels Avani's determination for Paris Games success.

than studies. I went back to school two years after the accident. I went to KV No. 3 Jaipur.

"They have these regional games, national games, so my parents also thought of enrolling me in some sport, and then I went there during my summer vacations in 2015 and I tried archery, I tried shooting.

"I liked shooting more because it was an indoor game, I thought 'ok, let's start'. Then I started competing, started liking it more...that's how it went after that," Avani, a former world No.1 in 10m air rifle (SH1), who is also an assistant conservator of forest with the Rajasthan government, told PTI.

For Avani, the Tokyo success brought with it lots of expectations but the vivacious shooter, who has a new set of rifles and feels more "mature" in her technique going into the Paris Games, said it only motivates her to do better.

Shadman misses out ton as Bangladesh reaches 316-5

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Bangladesh's resilient batting frustrates Pakistan on Day 3 of the first Test.

RAWALPINDI: Opener Shadman Islam missed out on a century in his comeback test match as Bangladesh blunted pace-heavy Pakistan's attack and reached 316-5 at stumps on the third day of the first test on Friday. Shadman, playing his first test match after almost 30 months, made 93 in more than 5 1/2 hours of resilient batting before he was clean bowled by Mohammad Ali (1-42) at the stroke of tea.

Bangladesh still trails Pakistan by 132 runs after Mohammad Rizwan and Saud Shakeel hit centuries in the home team's 448-6 declared. Mushfiqur Rahim (55 not out) and Litton Das (52 not out) are at the crease. They added an enterprising 98 runs in the latter half of the first session. Both batters stood firm against Shaheen Shah Afridi (0-55) and Naseem Shah (1-77), who couldn't separate the two with the second new ball late on Day 3.

Das reached his fifty off 52 balls when he struck three fours and a pulled six in Shah's over. Mushfiqur also made a well composed half century in his first test after 10 months. Mominul Haque



Bangladesh's Shadman Islam plays a shot.

FASTFACTS

• Shadman Islam narrowly misses century in his comeback Test after 30 months.

• Mushfiqur Rahim and Litton Das add 98 runs, keeping Bangladesh in contention.

hit an attractive 50 off 76 balls and, together with Shadman, revived Bangla-

desh innings by combining in a 94-run third-wicket stand after the visitors lost two early wickets in an extended three-hour first session.

Pakistan broke that threatening stand soon after lunch when Mominul's off stump was knocked over by Khurram Shahzad (2-47), who posed problems to the Bangladesh left-handers while bowling around the wicket and was the standout seam bowler of the day.

| SAVING TEST CRICKET |

ICC planning multi-million dollar fund to save Test cricket: Report

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ICC plans \$15 million fund to safeguard Test cricket's future globally.

SYDNEY: The International Cricket Council (ICC) is mulling a dedicated fund of at least USD 15 million for Test cricket that will help increase the players' match fee and address the migration of talent to lucrative T20 franchise leagues.

The initiative, which was proposed by Cricket Australia (CA), has the support of BCCI Secretary Jay Shah, who is the front-runner to become the next ICC Chairman, and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), a report in "The Sydney



FASTFACTS

• The fund aims to increase Test players' match fees and support struggling nations.

• BCCI, ECB, and Cricket Australia back ICC's initiative to protect Test cricket.

Morning Herald' stated. The fund would increase the minimum match payment for Test

India A bowlers fight back

GOLD COAST: India A bowlers led a spirited fight-back but Australia A tightened grip on the unofficial one-off women's Test, with the hosts' overall lead surging to 192 runs here on the second day on Friday. India A skipper Minnu Mani completed her match haul of 10 wickets but Kate Peterson returned an impactful 12-5-16-5 to hand Australia a slender 28-run lead in the first innings, as the visitors were bowled out for 184 in reply to the host's 212. Resuming at 100/2, India A looked on course to take a substantial lead but fell short as Peterson ran through the middle order. India's set batters Tejal Hasabnis (32) and Shweta Sehrawat (40) were the first to fall as the tourists lost five wickets for 27 runs before Sayali Satghare (21), Mani (17) and Mannat Kashyap (19) put up 56 runs to deny Australia a huge lead.

players and cover the cost of sending teams on overseas tours. It would support national boards like the West Indies that currently struggle to compete with the wages offered in global T20 competitions.

"The fund would ensure a minimum Test payment for all players, thought to be USD 10,000, and pay the costs of overseas tours for struggling countries," the report stated.

| SAFF U20 CHAMPIONSHIP |

Kipgen strikes late as India enter SAFF U20 C'ship semis

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Manglenthang Kipgen's last-minute goal secures India's 1-0 win over Maldives in SAFF U20.

KATHMANDU: India secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Maldives in the SAFF U20 Championship, with a dramatic last-minute goal by Manglenthang Kipgen. The match was intense from start to finish, as both teams battled to gain the upper hand.

India, determined to advance, dominated possession and created numerous scoring opportunities throughout the game. In the 47th minute, Kipgen spotted an unmarked Kelvin Singh Taorem in the box, but



Kelvin's shot soared over the crossbar, missing a golden chance to put India ahead. Kipgen himself had an opportunity shortly after but couldn't get the right angle on his left-footed shot, sending it over the bar.

Maldives, despite being under constant pressure, had their best chance when captain Shanaan Rashaadh took a free-kick

that skimmed just inches over the crossbar, giving India a scare. Maldives' goalkeeper, Yaameen, was kept busy throughout the match, making crucial saves that kept his team in the game. In the 68th minute, he punched away a dangerous corner, and Manjot Singh Dhami's powerful rebound shot was blocked by Abdulla Looth Ibrahim, preventing

HIGHLIGHT

• Substitute striker Gwgmars Goyary also came close on a couple of occasions, being denied by Yaameen both times.

• In the 80th minute, his header from a Kipgen cross was collected with ease.

India from taking the lead. India's relentless attack paid off in the 95th minute when Kipgen finally found the back of the net with a perfectly placed strike, breaking the deadlock and securing a crucial win for his team. The victory not only advanced India to the semi-finals but also set up a challenging clash against defending champions Bangladesh.

| REMEMBERING SHANE WARNE |

Kuldeep Yadav mourns Warne's death as family loss

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MELBOURNE: Indian wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav has revealed that the death of Australian legend Shane Warne two years ago felt like the loss of a family member to him as he always believed that there was a strong connection between them. Kuldeep, who is on a short family trip in Australia, visited the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), the home ground of his

"idol" where he posed for a photo with Warne's statue outside the stadium. "Shane Warne was my idol, and I had a very strong connection with him. I still get emotional when I think about Warne -- it feels like I've lost someone from my family," Kuldeep said.

He, however, did not elaborate on his equation with the legend, who died of a cardiac arrest while on a holiday in Thailand in 2022.

The T20 World Cup



winning cricketer's trip Down Under comes just a few months before the Border Gavaskar Trophy, which is scheduled to begin on November 22 in Perth.

"I am looking forward

to the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, and we're anticipating a great cricket contest between Australia and India this year," he said. Kuldeep, who has had an excellent couple of years since making

Shane Warne was my idol, and I had a very strong connection with him. I still get emotional when I think about Warne -- it feels like I've lost someone from my family.

Kuldeep Yadav
Indian wrist spinner

his comeback from the knee injury, also visited the Cricket Australia (CA) headquarters and had an online interaction CEO Nick Hockley.

He also acknowledged the unwavering support of Indian cricket fans.

"India cricket fans always support the team around the globe, and I am confident they will come in big numbers for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, especially during the Boxing Day Test," Kuldeep said.

2nd-seeded Emma Navarro advances

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MONTERREY: Second-seeded Emma Navarro of the United States beat ninth-seeded Magdalena Frech of Poland 6-7 (3), 6-0, 6-2 on Thursday night to reach the Monterrey Open semi-finals. The 23-year-old Navarro will face sixth-seeded Linda Noskova of the Czech Republic on Friday in the WTA 500 hard-court event at Sonoma Club. Noskova topped fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina of Ukraine 6-4, 6-4 in

the late match. Navarro was the 2021 NCAA champion as a freshman at the University of Virginia and added her first WTA Tour title in January at Hobart. She lost to Diana Shnaider in May in Paris in the Trophée Clarins final. Third-seeded Ekaterina Alexandrova of Russia will face Lulu Sun of New Zealand in the other semi-final. Alexandrova beat seventh-seeded Yue Yuan of China 7-5, 7-6 (3), and Sun topped Erika Andreeva of Russia 6-4, 6-3.



Children in every country deserve to live in safety. We must make this possible.
Volodymyr Zelenskyy
President, Ukraine

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Ukraine



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and others during the signing of agreements in a meeting at the Mariinsky Palace, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

India, US ink 2 key deals with Rajnath's Washington visits

The agreements signed on Thursday pertain to the Security of Supplies Arrangement (SOSA) and a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Assignment of Liaison Officers.

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WASHINGTON: India and the US have signed two key agreements as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh began his official visit to Washington to further boost the comprehensive global strategic partnership between the two countries. The agreements signed on Thursday pertain to the Security of Supplies Arrangement (SOSA) and a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Assignment of Liaison Officers.

"Two important documents have been signed in Washington DC as Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh's visit to

the United States begins. Senior defence officials from both sides concluded the Security of Supplies Arrangement (SOSA), and Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Assignment of Liaison Officers," the Ministry of Defence (MoD) shared in a post on X on Friday, along with some photographs of the event. Singh arrived here on Thursday on a four-day visit to the US.

The US and India entered into a "bilateral, non-binding Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA)", the US Department of Defence (DoD) said in a press release on Thursday. Through this SOSA, the US and India

HIGHLIGHT

● The US will provide India assurances under the US Defence Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS), with programme determinations by DoD and rating authorisation by the Department of Commerce (DOC).

agree to provide reciprocal priority support for goods and services that promote national defence. The Arrangement will enable both countries to acquire the industrial resources they need from one another to resolve unan-

anticipated supply chain disruptions to meet national security needs, it said. The SOSA was signed by Dr Vic Ramdass, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for Industrial Base Policy, on behalf of the US, and Samir Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisitions), on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

"This Security of Supply Arrangement represents a pivotal moment in the US-India Major Defence Partner relationship and will be a key factor in strengthening the US-India Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI)," said Ramdass. "I look forward to OUS-

D(A&S) hosting the next DTTI meeting this fall to deepen cooperation between our respective defence industrial bases and pursue bilateral co-development, co-production, and co-sustainment initiatives," he said.

In the Arrangement, the US and India commit to support one another's priority delivery requests for procurement of critical national defence resources. The US will provide India assurances under the US Defence Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS), with programme determinations by DoD and rating authorisation by the Department of Commerce (DOC).

Last body from sunken superyacht recovered off Sicily

ROME: Italian rescuers brought ashore the body of the final missing person who was on a superyacht that sunk off the coast of Sicily. The woman's body was detected on Friday, the Coast Guard said. She has not been officially identified, but Hannah Lynch, the 18-year-old daughter of British tech magnate Mike Lynch, is reportedly unaccounted for. The Lynch family was aboard The Bayesian, a 56-metre (184-foot) British-flagged yacht, when went down in a storm early Monday. Civil protection officials said they believe the ship was struck by a tornado over the water, known as a waterspout, and sank quickly. Mike Lynch's body was recovered Thursday.

Fourteen dead after Indian bus falls into river in Nepal

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At least 14 people were killed and 16 others injured after an Indian tourist bus veered off the highway and fell 150 metres into the fast-flowing Marsyangdi River in central Nepal on Friday.

KATHMANDU: The bus from Gorakhpur was heading toward the capital Kathmandu from the resort town of Pokhara when it drove off the highway in Aaina Pahara in the Tanahun district. There were 43 people, including the driver and the co-driver, in the bus with the registration number UP 53 FT 7623.

"An Indian tourist bus travelling from Pokhara to



Nepal Army personnel conduct rescue operation after an Indian tourist bus with 43 passengers fell into Marsyangdi River.

FASTFACTS

- 14 bodies were retrieved from the crash site and 16 injured were rushed to a local hospital.
- The bus that fell on the river bank has been badly damaged.

Kathmandu with around 43 Indians fell 150 metres into Marshyangdi River today," the Embassy of India said in a post on X. The mission is coordinating with local authorities undertaking relief and rescue. According to Deputy Superintendent of Police of the Armed Police Force (APF) Shailendra

Thapa, 14 bodies were retrieved from the crash site and 16 injured were rushed to a local hospital. The bus that fell on the river bank has been badly damaged.

An MI 17 helicopter of the Nepal Army has left for the accident site at Anbu Khaireni in Tanahun district with a medical team for the rescue operation, the MyRepublica news portal reported. The Gandaki Province Police Office, Pokhara, said 15 of those rescued can speak. Nepal's rivers are generally fast-flowing due to the mountainous terrain. Heavy monsoon downpours in the past few days have swollen the waterways and turned them murky brown, making it even more difficult to see the wreckage.

| DHAKA HOME |

Dhaka home for 16 years, Indian family shares concerns

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DHAKA: Meera Menon, an Indian expat living with her family in Bangladesh for 16 years says her mother in Kerala is constantly urging them to leave the country due to safety concerns, but for her young daughter "Dhaka feels like home" and separation is not easy. A large number of Indians



have left the violence-torn country since the mass

anti-quota protests began in July which took a turn into an unprecedented resistance against the Sheikh Hasina government and led to her ouster on August 5. Menon, 45, a native of Thrissur district of Kerala lives in the heart of Dhaka, along with her husband, who works here as a senior manager in a company, and their 14-year-old daughter Avantika. "We were in Kerala on a holiday and

"Raised in Bangladesh since 10 months old, my daughter and we have a strong bond with Dhaka, our home for 16 years."

Meera Menon Indian expat in Bangladesh

landed back in Dhaka on August 4. It was a curfew day, but we had no idea the situation would turn so dramatically in a day. The area where we live wasn't disturbed during the protests, but there is patrolling by security personnel at night and the sound of whistles, etc. My sleep also has been affected," Menon told PTI at her home.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PAK BANKS LOANS
Pakistan seeks USD 4 bn loan from Middle East banks

ISLAMABAD: Cash-strapped Pakistan is in talks with banks in the Middle East to borrow approximately USD 4 billion to meet its external financial commitments for the current fiscal year, as part of the USD 7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) currently pending for IMF's approval. Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and his team had a virtual meeting with Dr Adnan Chilwan, Group CEO of Dubai Islamic Bank, on Thursday, the Dawn newspaper reported on Friday. On Wednesday, a similar interaction was held with Mashreq Bank President and Group CEO Ahmed Abdelaal. Both meetings had been arranged to "discuss the economic outlook and explore investment opportunities in Pakistan". For the current fiscal year, Pakistan has pitched about USD 20 billion in foreign borrowing in the budget, besides another USD 3 billion rollover from the UAE that was reported separately for the balance of payments. With this much borrowing, Pakistan's reserves are estimated to grow to about USD 19-20 billion by the end of the current fiscal year.

FRANCE GOVERNMENT

France's Macron holds talks with key political players in a bid to form a new govt

PARIS: After the excitement of the Paris Olympics and a Mediterranean vacation, now French President Emmanuel Macron has to figure out how to make his country governable again. Faced with a hung parliament, social tensions and ballooning debt, Macron kicked off talks Friday with key political players in a bid to choose a new prime minister who would form a government and end the deadlock created by snap legislative elections last month. Members of the left-wing New Popular Front coalition that won the most seats pressured Macron for a quick decision.



US HARRIS

Kamala Harris warns Americans of consequences of putting Trump back in White House

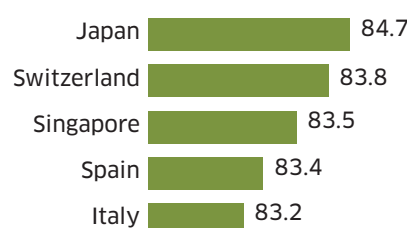


WASHINGTON: Kamala Harris has used her presidential acceptance speech to present herself as a leader who could unite all Americans to chart a "new way forward" and warned them of "extremely serious" consequences of putting her Republican rival Donald Trump back in the White House. Vice President Harris, who is of Indian and African heritage, on Thursday night accepted her party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, becoming the second woman to do so for the Democratic Party after former first lady Hillary Clinton. The 59-year-old leader walked on stage to thunderous applause and a standing ovation from the audience. Chants of "Yes You Can!" erupted before her

remarks. Taking the stage at the United Center in Chicago to accept her nomination, Harris, who was a tough prosecutor in California before becoming US Vice President, said she is no stranger to unlikely journeys. "On behalf of the people, on behalf of every American, regardless of party, race, gender or the language your grandmother speaks, on behalf of my mother and everyone who has ever set out on their own unlikely journey on behalf of Americans, like the people I grew up with, people who work hard, chase their dreams and look out for one another, on behalf of everyone whose story could only be written in the greatest nation on earth, I accept your nomination to the United States," she said.

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TOP FIVE COUNTRIES BY LIFE EXPECTANCY (2023)



Source: World Health Organization (WHO)

Biden to dispatch adviser to China as he looks to sharpen policy focus in final months



BUELLTON: President Joe Biden plans to dispatch his national security adviser Jake Sullivan to China as the White House aims to sharpen its focus on foreign policy in the Democrat's final months in office. Sullivan's visit to meet

with his counterpart, his first visit to China. Wang Yi, is expected to take place next week, according to a person familiar with planning for the trip who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The White House is expected to announced plans for the trip later today. Sullivan has met with Chinese officials several times over the course of the administration to discuss the two economic rivals complicated relationship, but this will be

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